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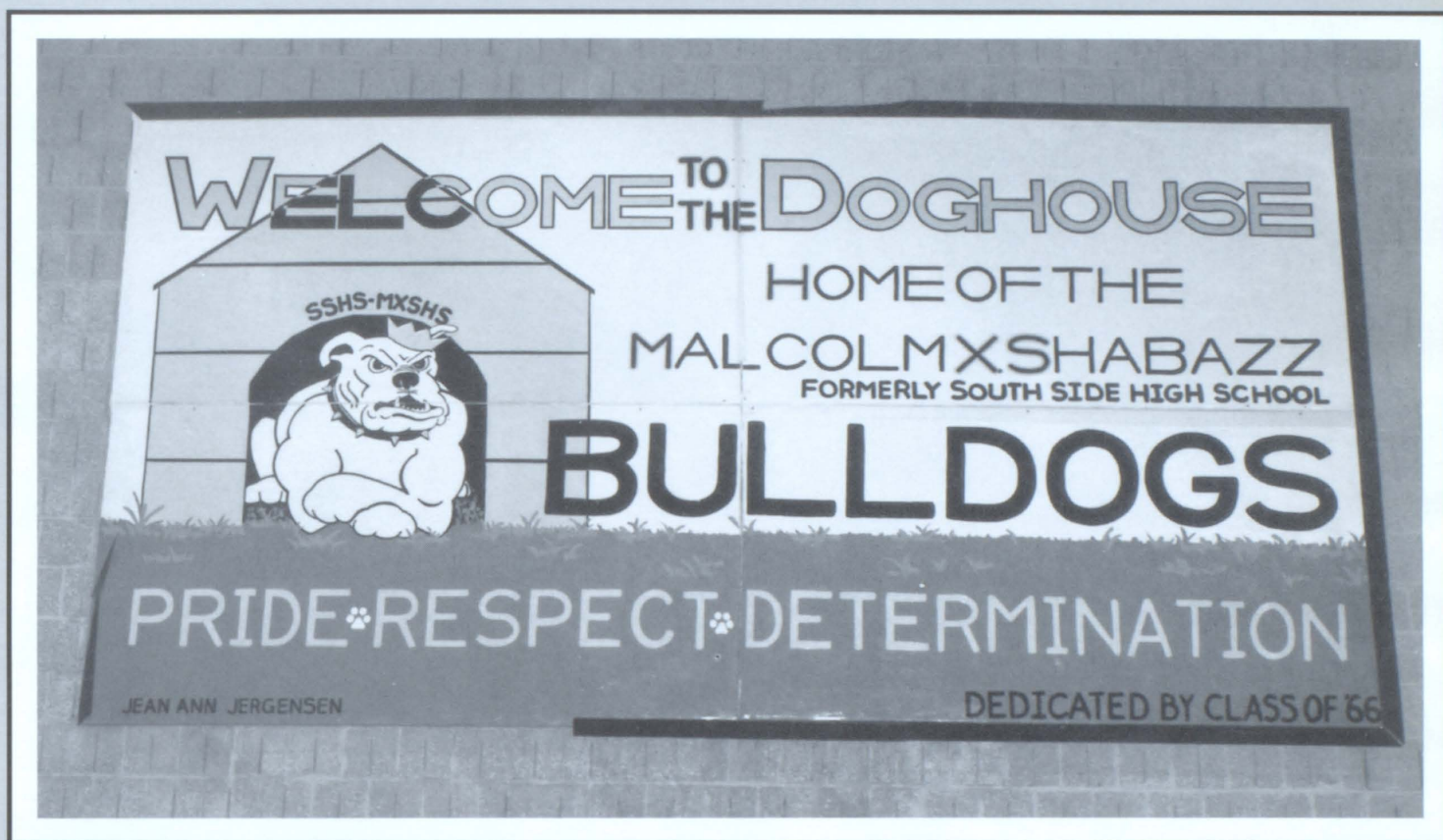


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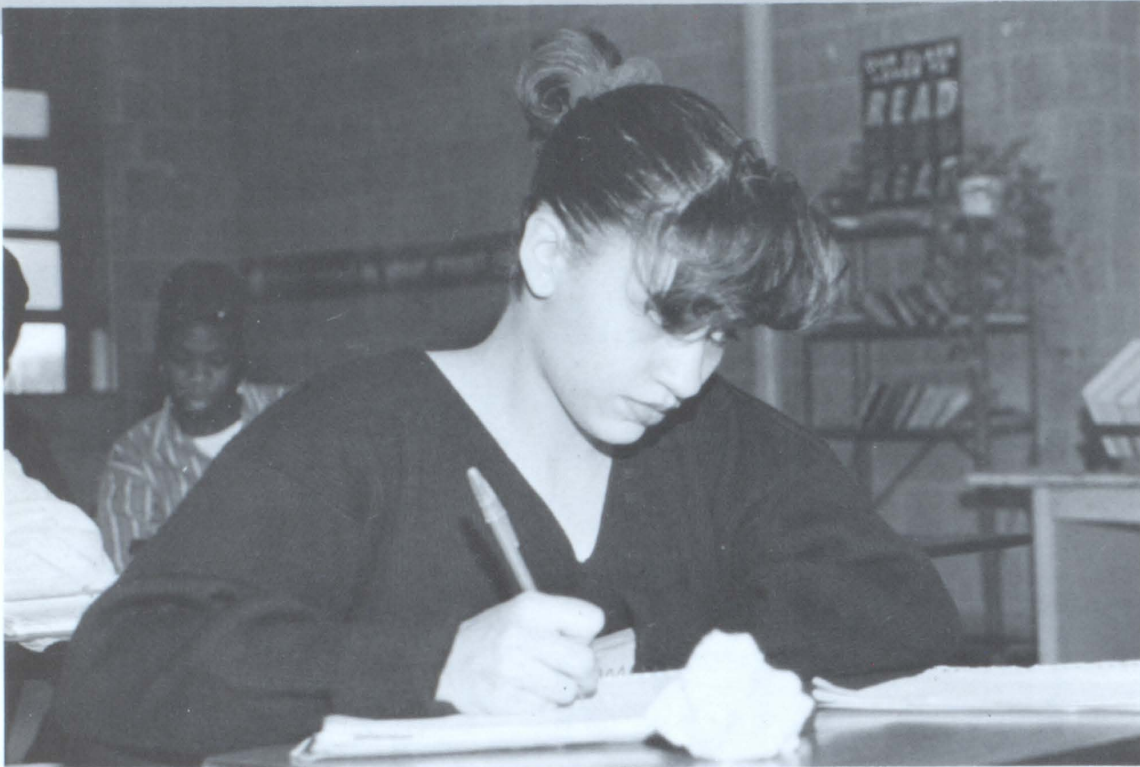
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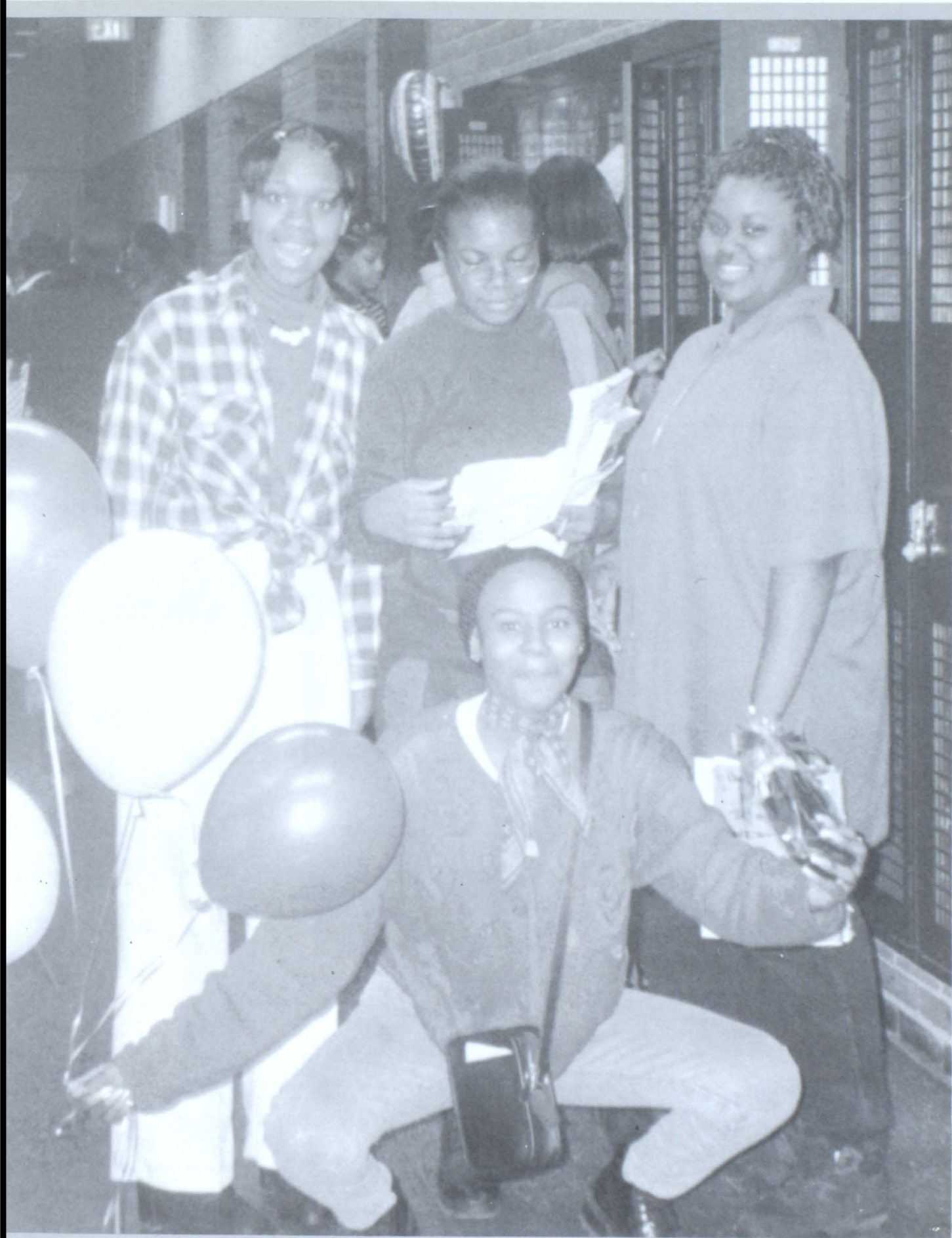


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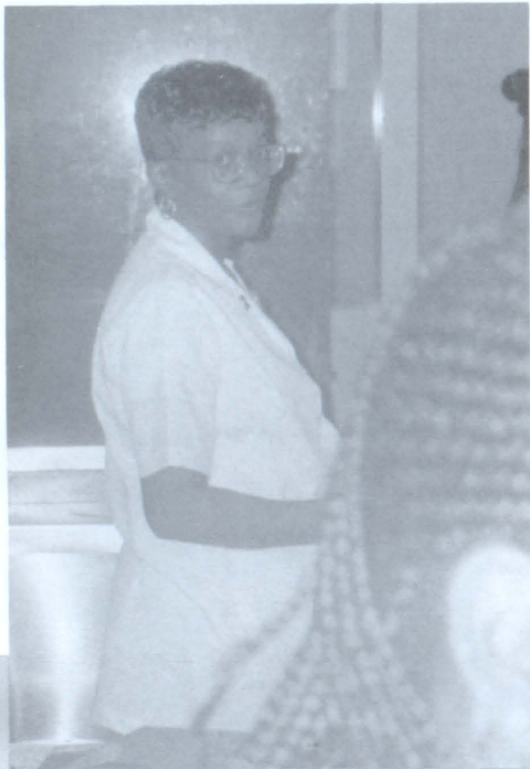
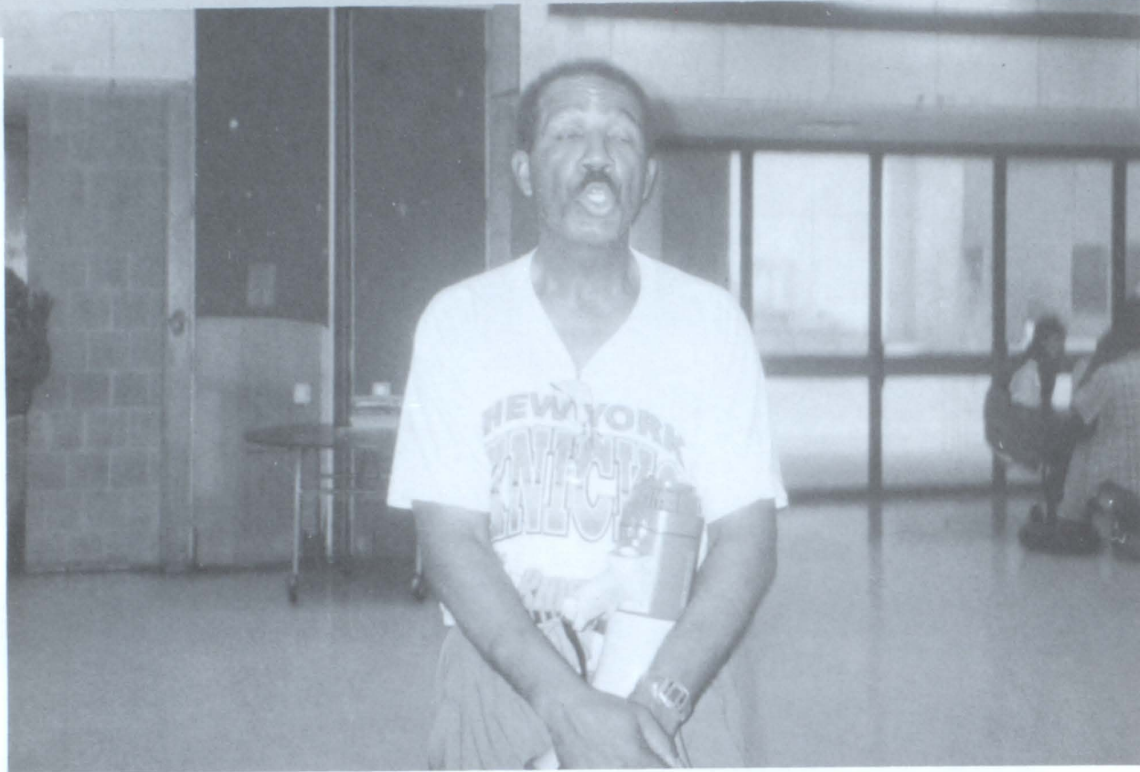
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Welcome . . .





Faculty and Staff . . .





Principal



Ms. Mary G. Bennett

To the Class of 1996 —

I Congratulate you for your diligence and tenacity. You have reached a milestone in your life and I hope it is one that you use to motivate you to continue striving and achieving the goals you set for yourself.

We, the faculty and administration, are extremely proud of you and we wish you all the best that life has to offer. I urge you to view the challenges you will encounter as tests of your personal determination, not as obstacles you cannot overcome.

Best wishes for a lifetime of happiness, peace and success.

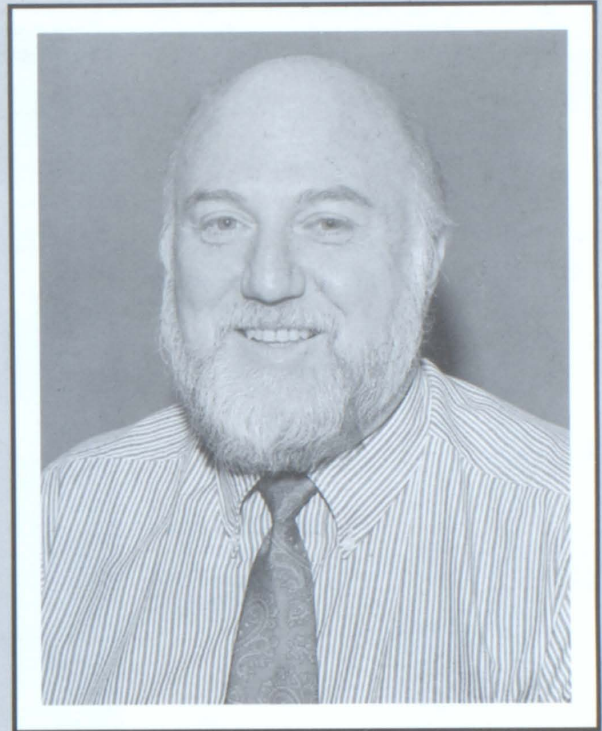
Sincerely yours,

Mary G. Bennett
Principal

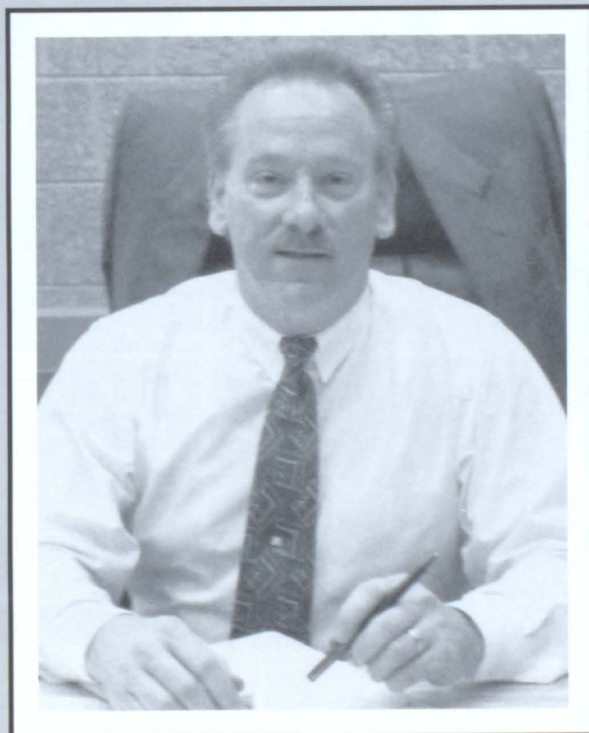
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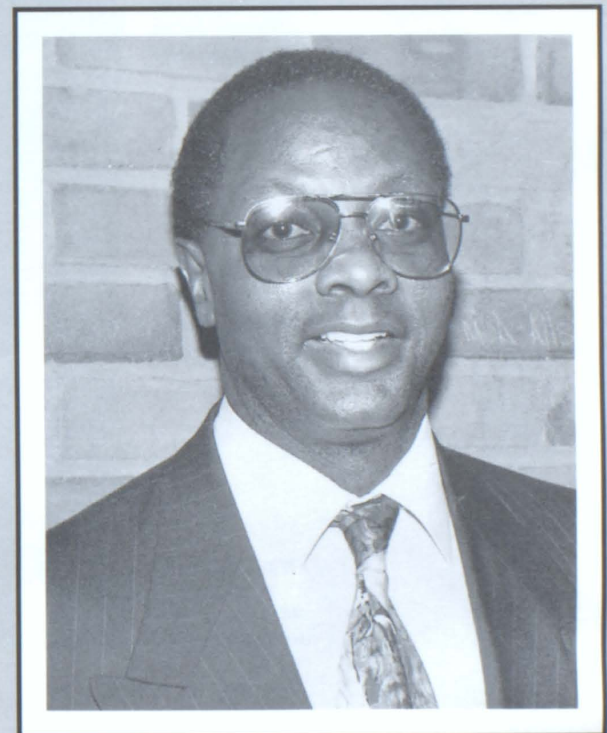
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Ronald Karsen



Steve McLendon

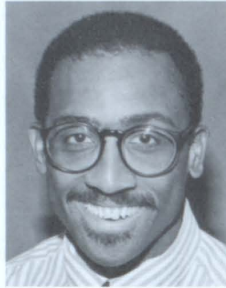
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Ratiba Ahmed



Mr Ciccolini takes a break from his scheduling chores.



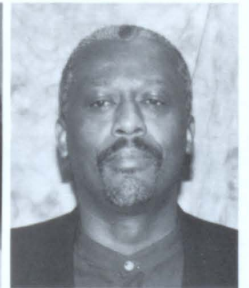
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Stephen Arlak



Jamal Atiyyeh
Shirley Ayers-Pearl
Jacqueline Bailey
Marlene Bash



Daisy Baxter
Linda Bennett
Prentice Bess
Clyde Blackshear



Willa Blackshear
Thomas Boose
Annie Borden
Nancy Borges



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Dennis Bowe
Betty Brant
Veronica Bridges
Carrie Brown



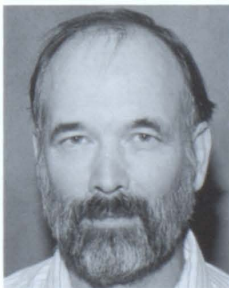
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Faith Buffong
Robert Bulmer
Linda Caldwell



Rosalind Carmichael
Raul Cedeno
Joseph Ciccolini
Mary Clowney



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Elizabeth Cronin
Rosa Daughtery



Norma Davis
Robert Davis
Wanda Davis-Dill
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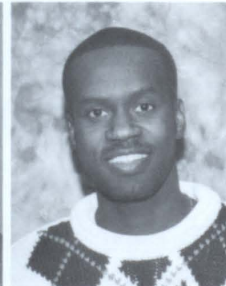
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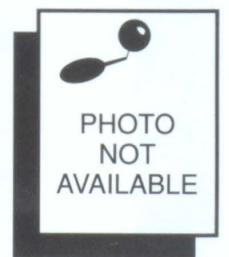
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Margaret Doriano
Donald Dortch
Harriet Douglin



Maldine Dowdy
Leamond Downing
Dick Ducheine
Elvira Estevez

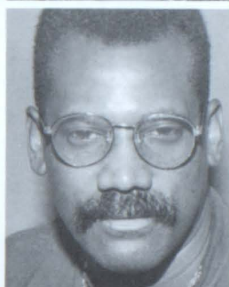


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Sharif Farrakhan
Ronald Razio
Ruth Feder





Martin Fendrick
 Vincent Finch
 Theresa Fisher
 Henri Frederique



Mallory Gaines
 Donald Gitting
 Eulon Gray
 Louis Grimsley



Karen Guilmartin
 Saul Hammerman
 Ruth Hannan
 Sydney Haynes



Margaret Hinnant
 Gilda Howard
 Rachel Isidor
 Kathleen James



John January
 Adele Johnson
 Leonard Johnson
 William Kivet

Rosa Knight
Jack Korbman



Ms McNeil always has a smile for us!



James Kushmerick
Cornelia Layton



Steffi Lenchiner
Clark Lissner
Deidre Littles
Connie Malave



John Manczur
Diane Marinello
Jane Matthews
Nellie McCloud



Doris McNeil
David McCombs
Derrick Miller
Marc Mitchell





Denise Morrow
James Murray
Patricia Nelson
Owen Newson



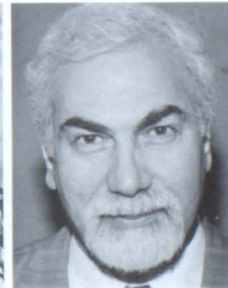
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Raymond Ormsby
Ethel Parker
SSG Howard Peele



Deborah Phinisee
Beth Pollak
Constantin Popa
Renee Pulliam-Newell



Adrienne Raff-Prekop
Jessie Richard
Howard Rihacek
Margaret Robinson



Jacqueline Rocker-Brown
Refaat Salama
Queenie Saunders
Mahmoud Shahrok

Richard Shaller
Barbara Small



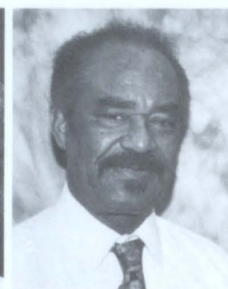
Janet Sutton
David Swanson



Ms Murphy Keeps Guidance running smoothly.



Maryann Thompson
Texanna Thompson
William Thompson
Marjorie Thurman



Frances Tobin
Stephen Trembley
Lydia Trueheart
Denise Van Stuyvesant



Thomas Varughese
Elizabeth Walthour
Arthur Watkins
Vanessa Watson





Robert Watts
Rosina Weatherford
Earl West
Harold Wharton



Larry Williams
Margarita Williams
Hassan Williams
James Williams



Kathleen Witcher
Mary Wright
Barbara Zois
Robin Bouie



Florina Frost
Deborah Long
Charlonda Baldwin
Rosalind McLeod



Doris Mincey
Eniwa Murphy
Maria Quiroz
Regina Riggins-Rhodes

LaVonne Furlow
Cassandra Suggs



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Ms Quiroz at work in the Main Office.



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Jean Bonds
Michael Burwell

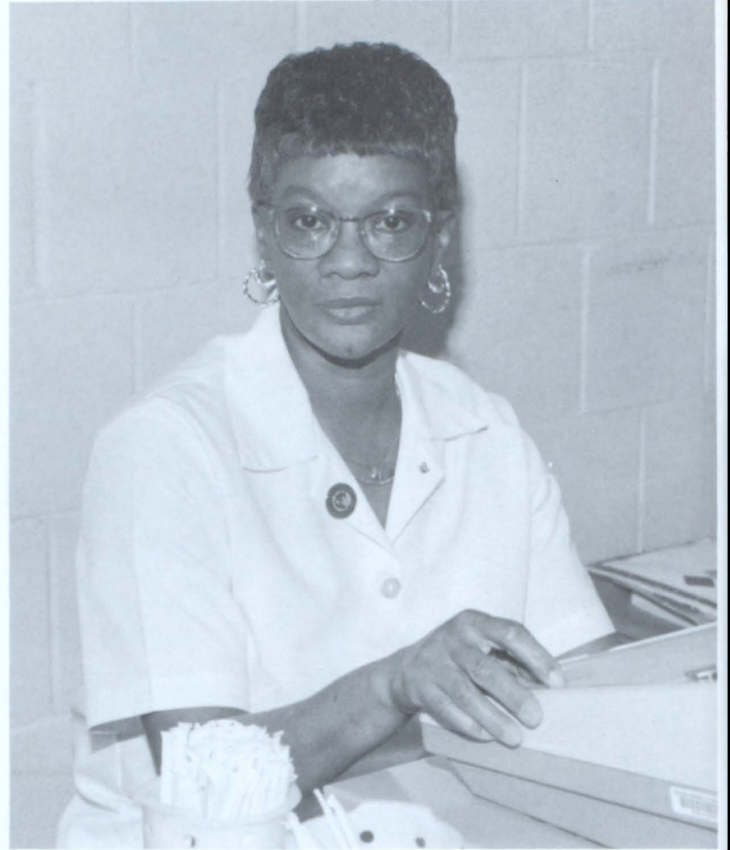


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Robert Austin
Miriam Bennett
Mark Green

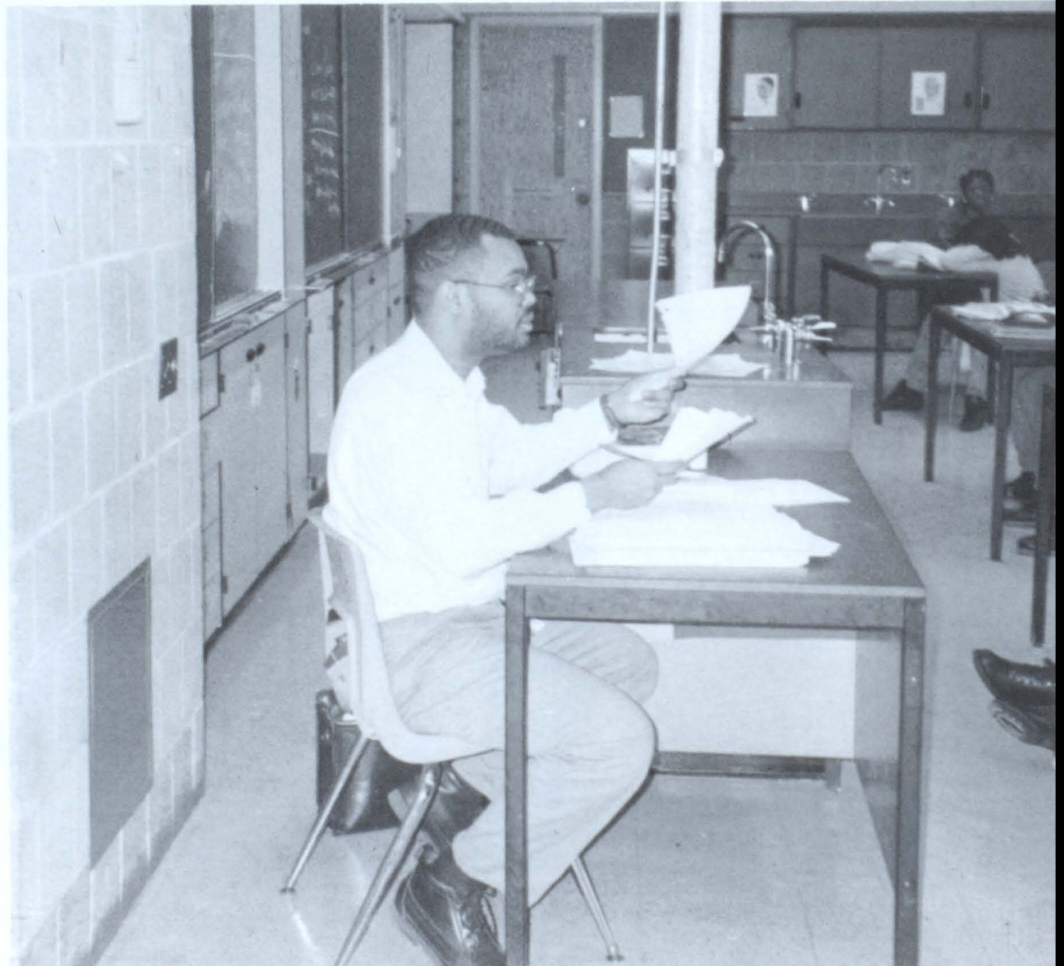
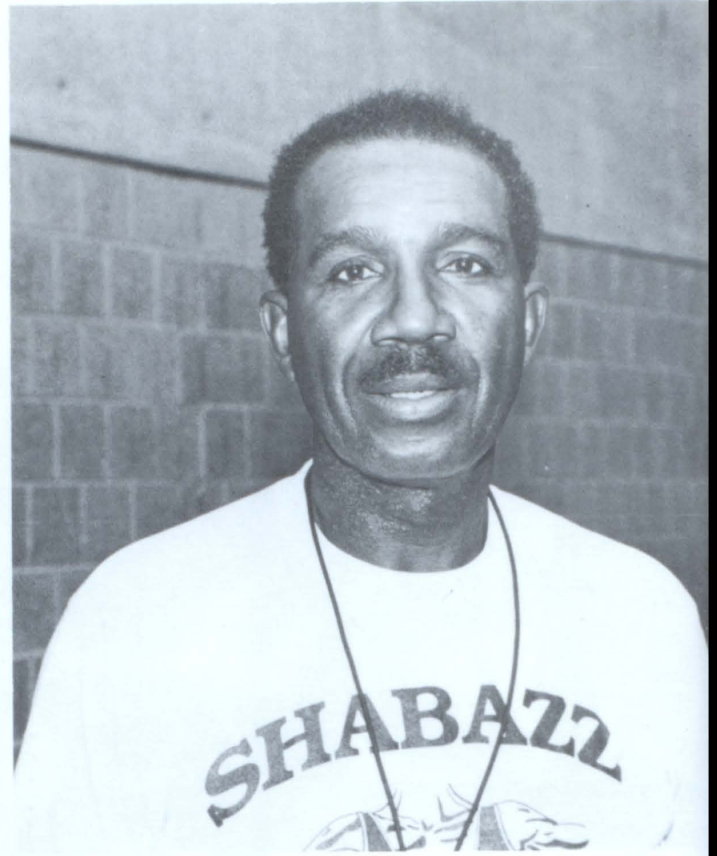
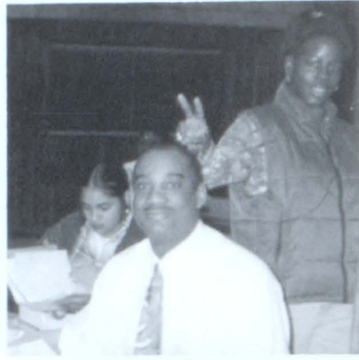


Francine Bateman











A "Dedicated" teacher

Mrs. Ann Borden, Teacher

We, the Class of 1996, dedicate the 1996 *Optimist* to Mrs. Ann Borden. Mrs. Borden has been a teacher at Malcolm X Shabazz High School for over a quarter of a century, and has consistently given of herself to help her students succeed.

Mrs. Borden, as a dedicated history teacher, has demonstrated to all of us the value of education. She has shown us the importance of appreciating our heritage, and has

given us a model to imitate as we approach adulthood.

This year, we say good-bye to Mrs. Borden as we and she leave Shabazz. We leave to pursue the dreams she has encouraged us to achieve; Mrs. Borden leaves to enjoy a much deserved retirement.

Thank you, Mrs. Borden, for all you've done for us. Keep us always in your thoughts, as we will keep you always in ours.



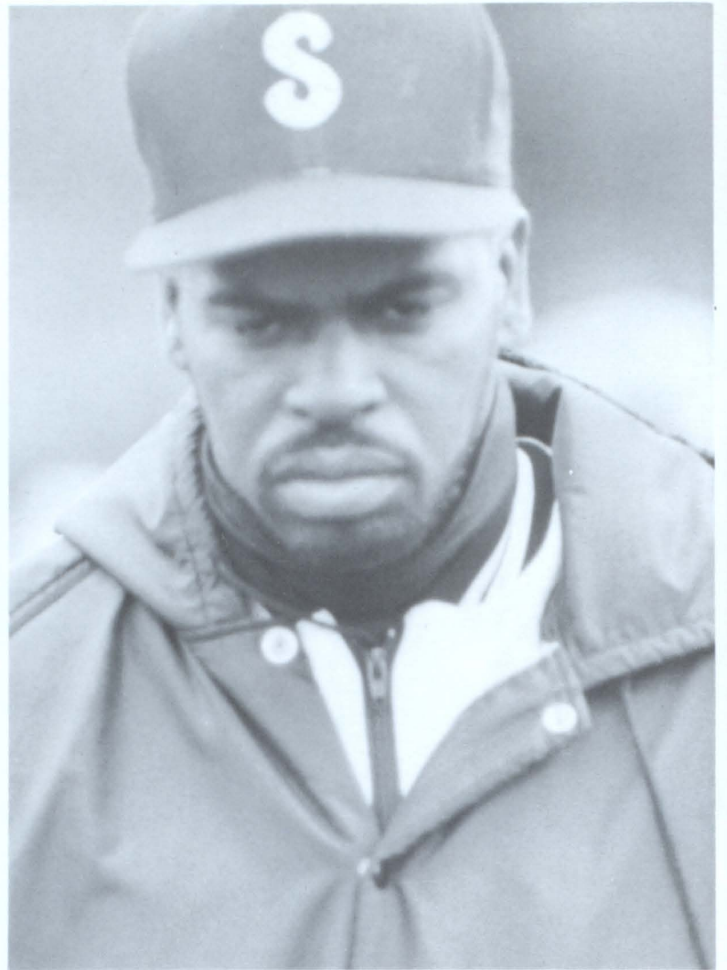
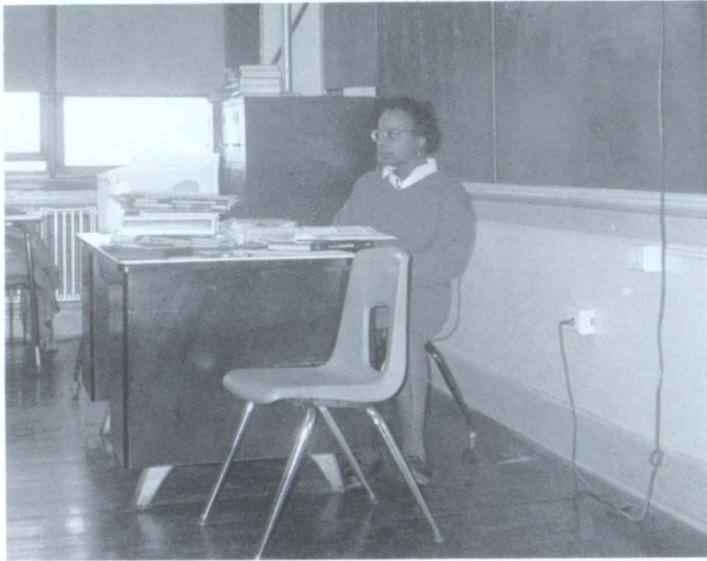
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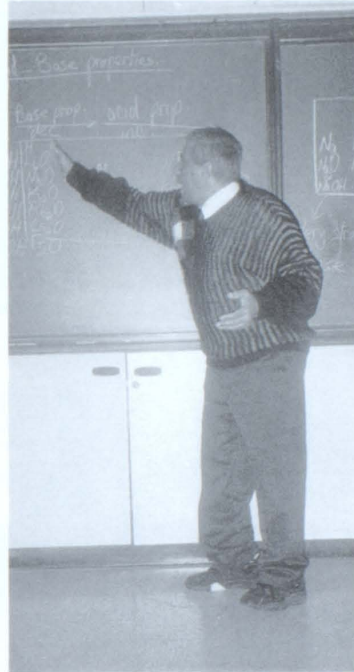


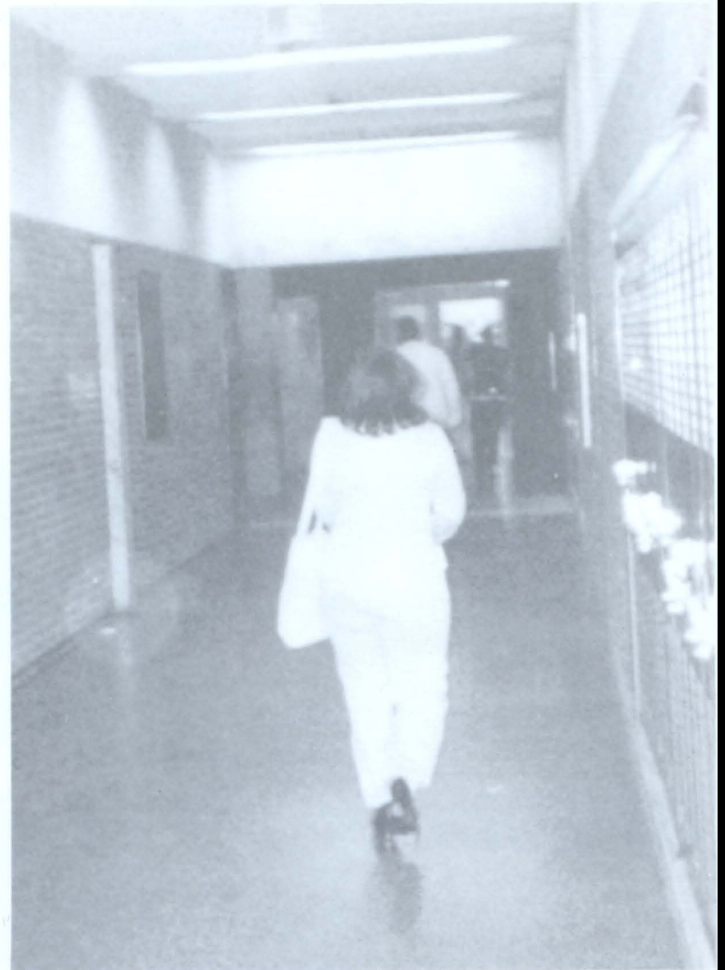


Faculty

Faculty members are the backbone of the school, providing quality education and guidance to students.





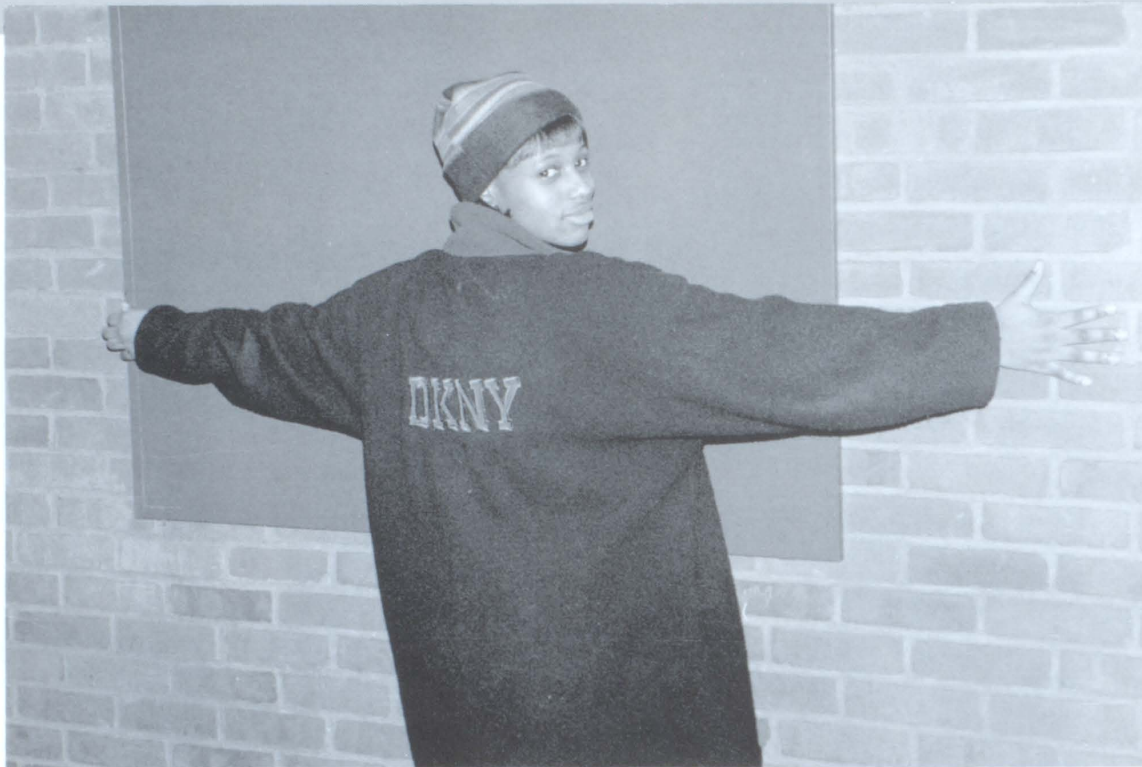








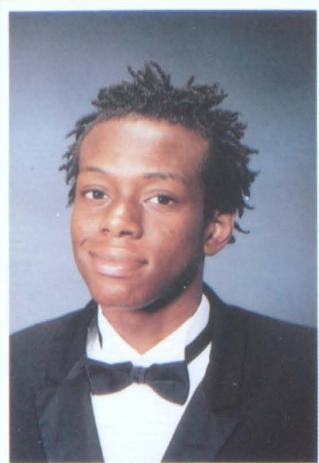
Seniors . . .





Presenting the Class of 1996 . . .





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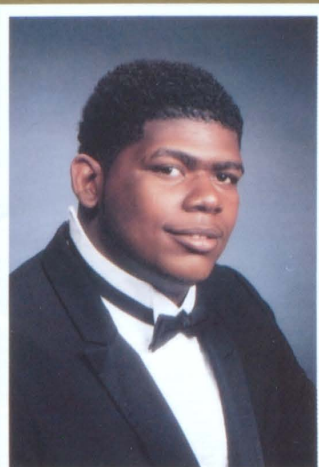
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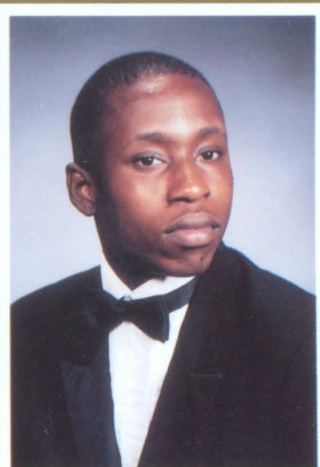
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Kimberly Anderson



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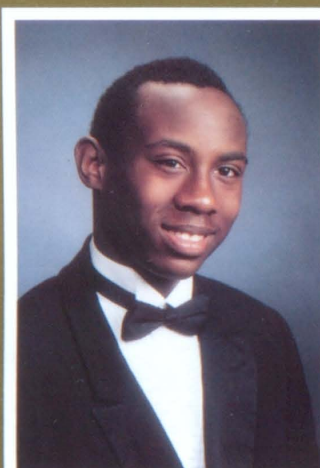
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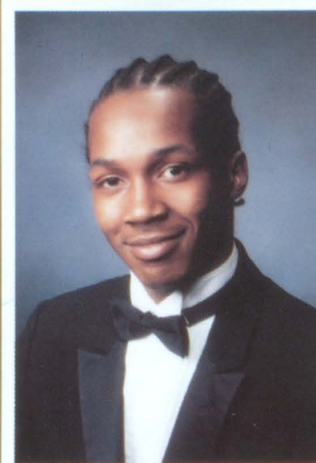
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Sonia Beard



Tonia Beard



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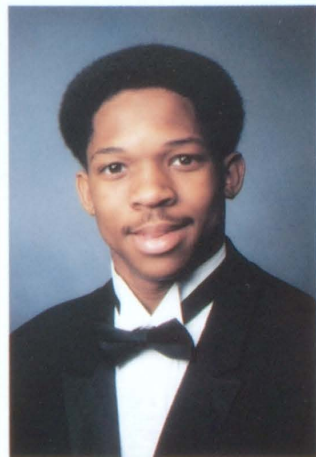
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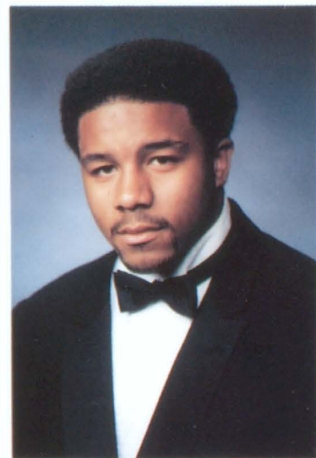
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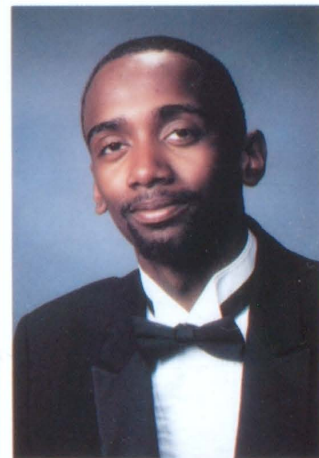
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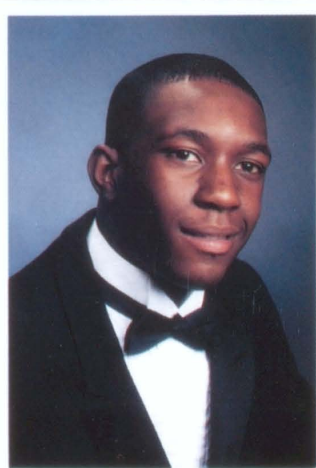
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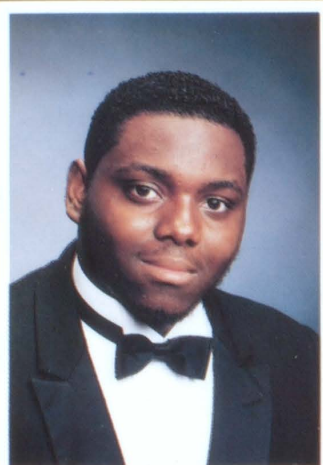
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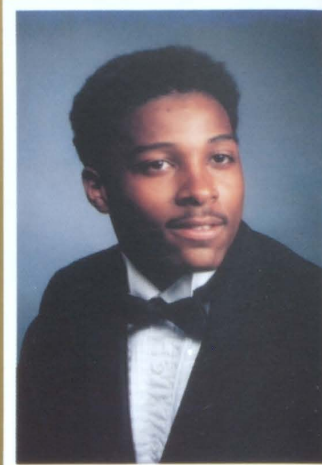
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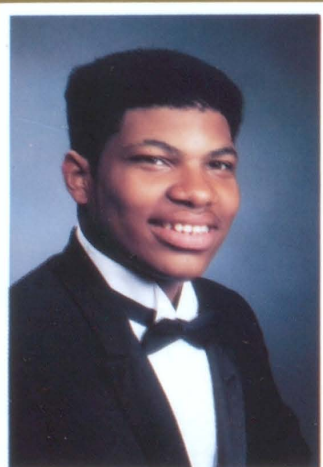
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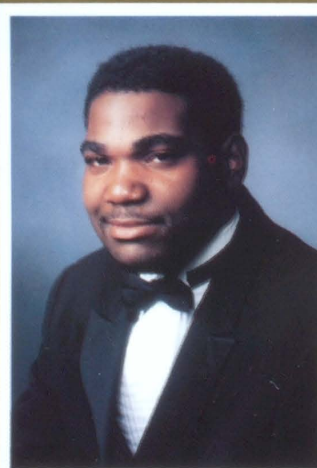
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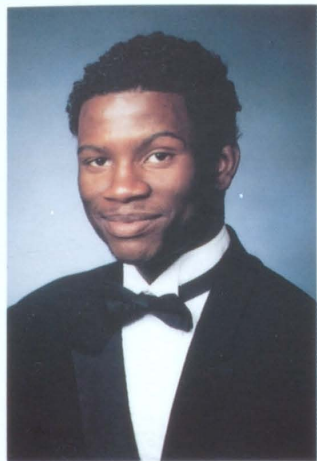
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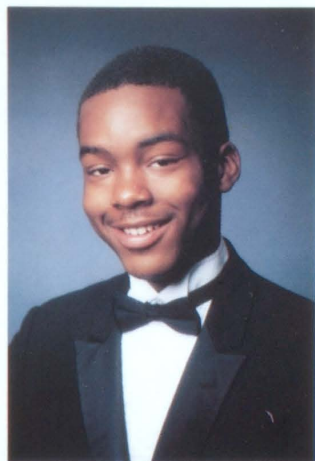
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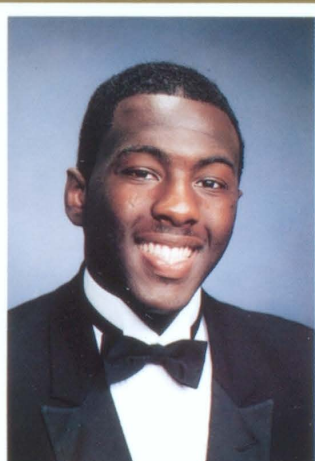
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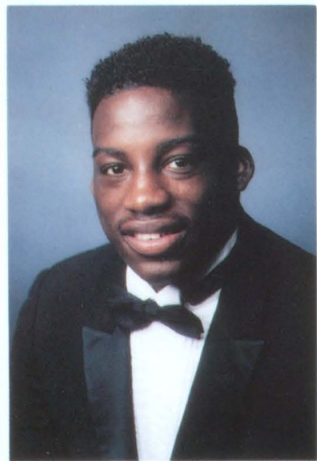
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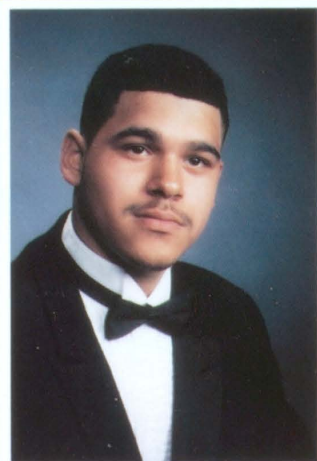
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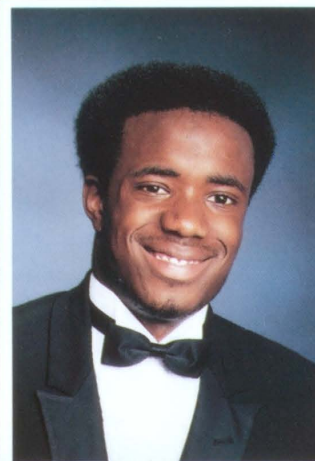
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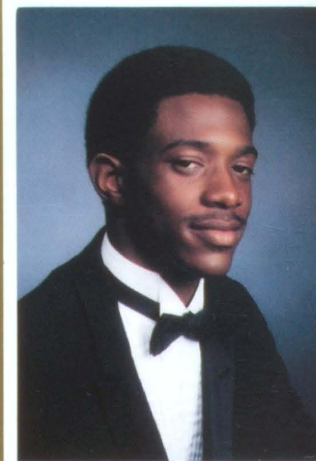
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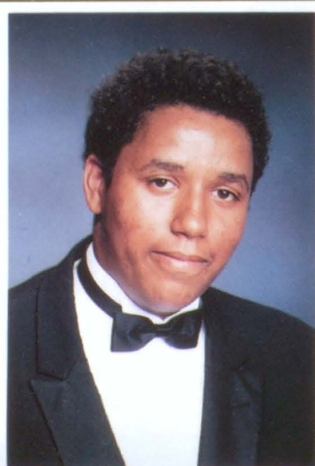
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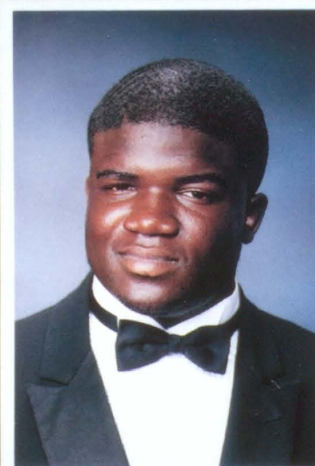
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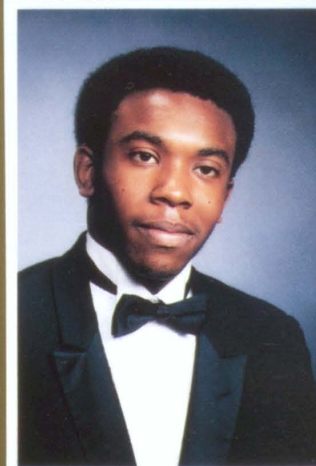
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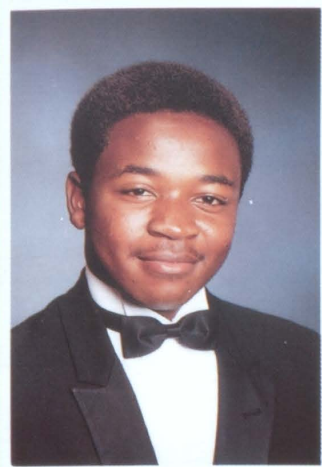
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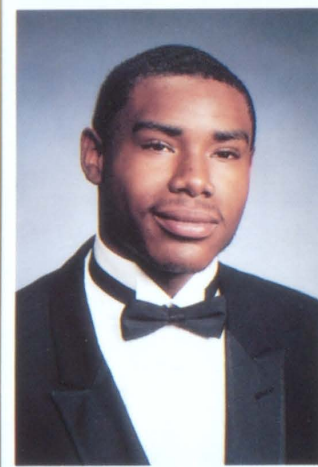
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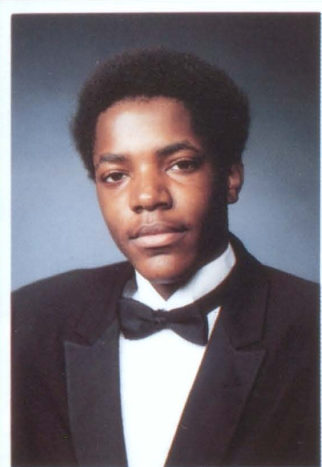
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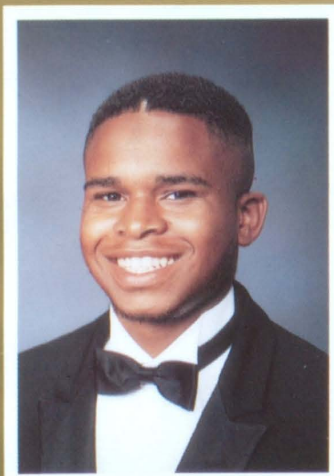
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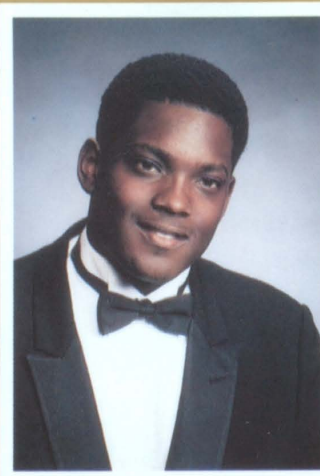
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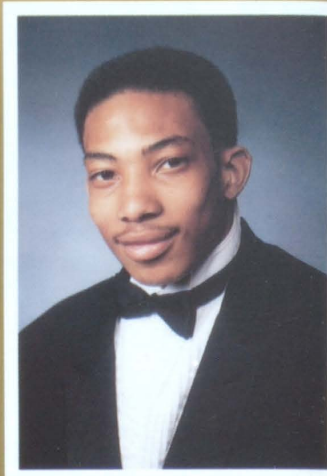
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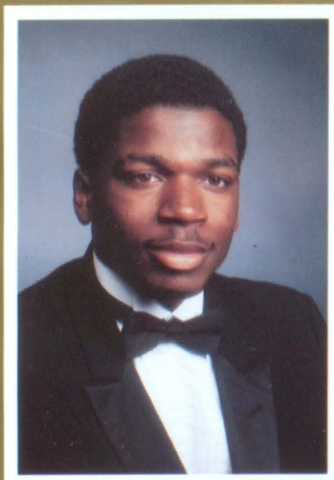
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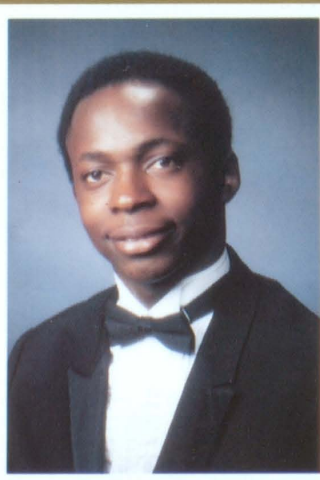
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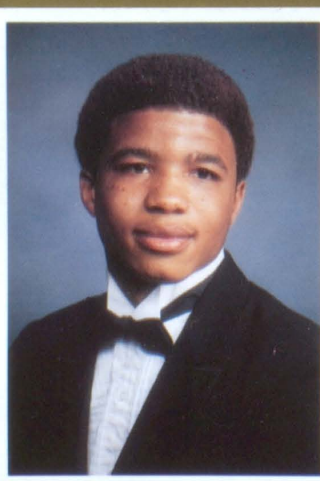
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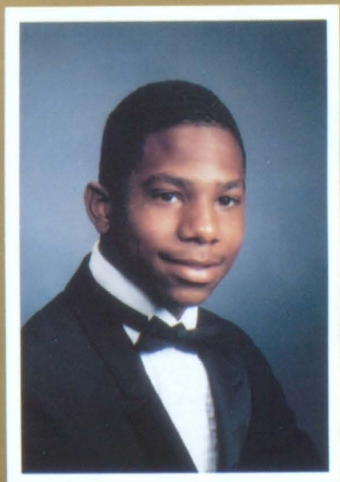
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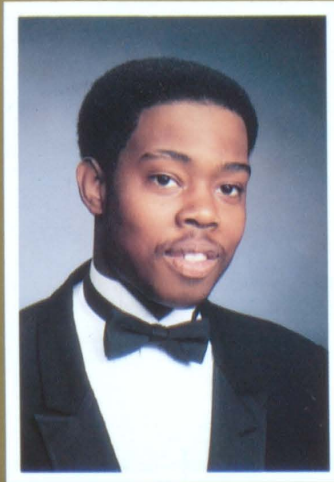
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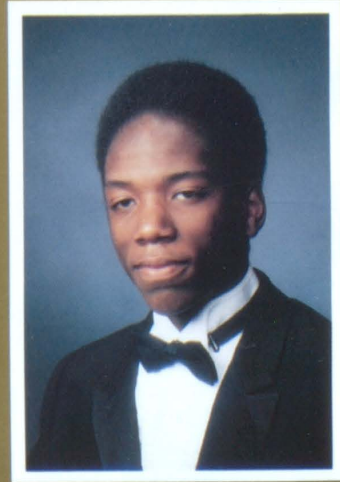
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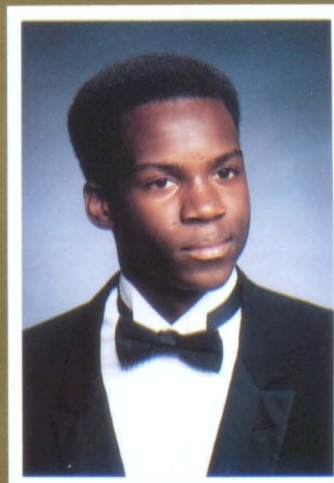
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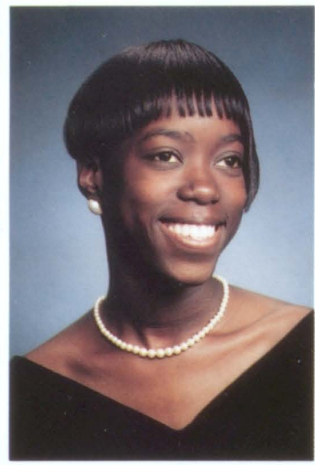
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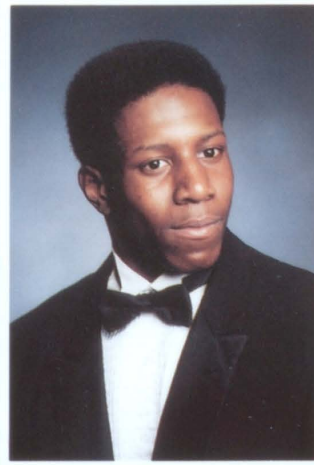
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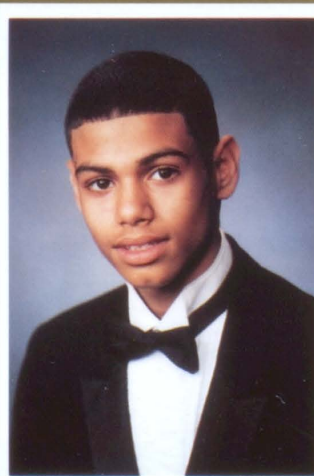
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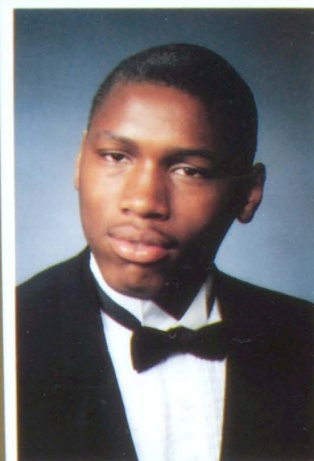
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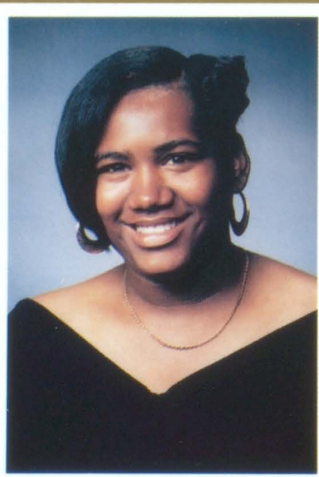
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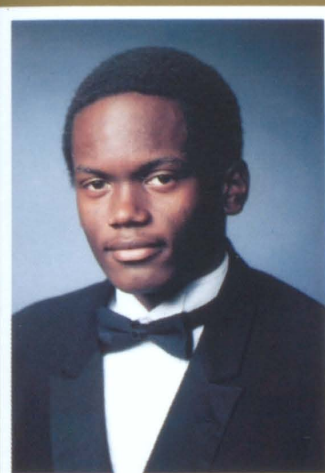
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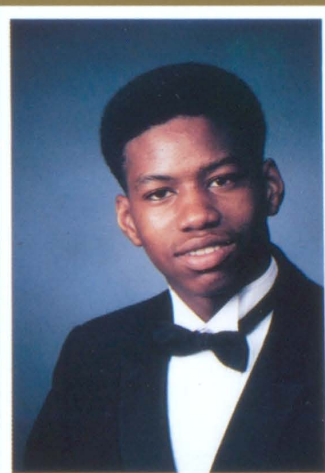
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Tangela Ross



Terrill Ross



Karima Sewell



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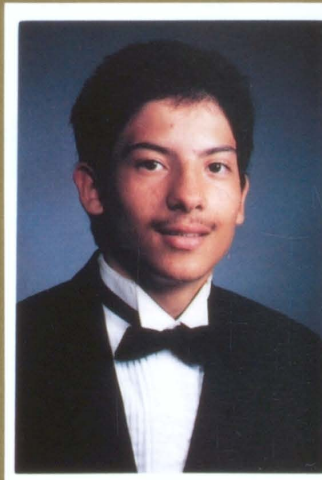
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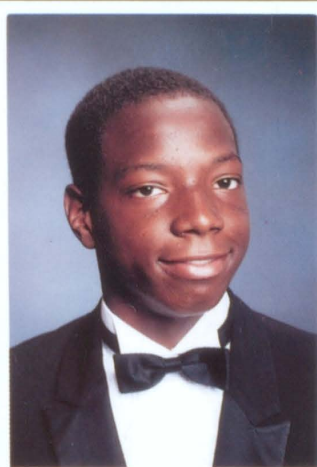
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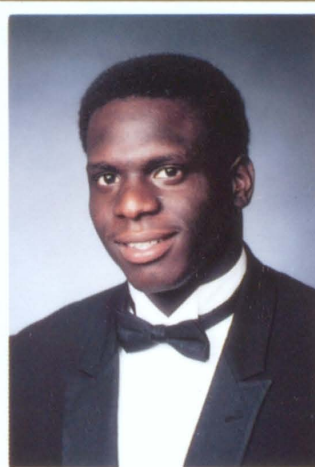
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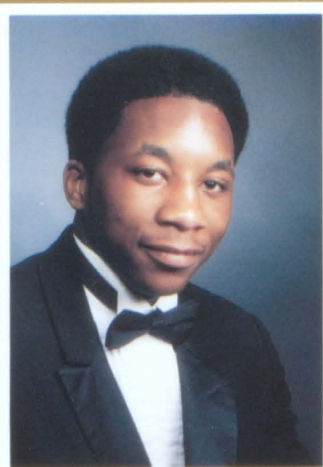
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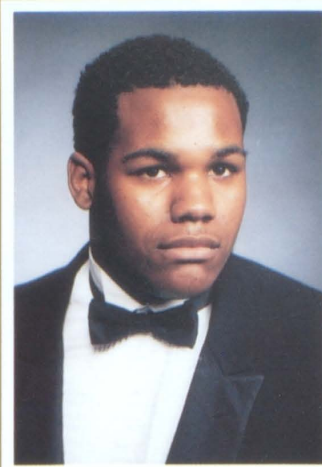
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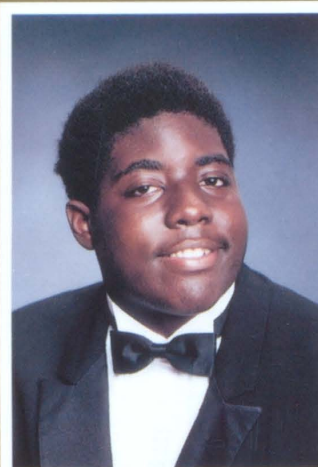
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Stephanie Williams



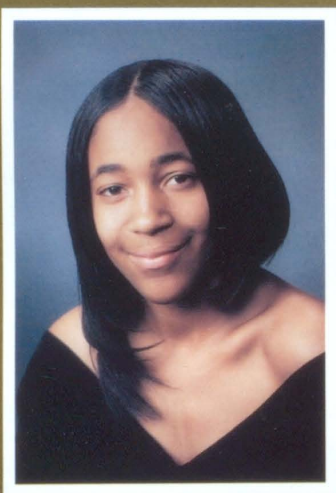
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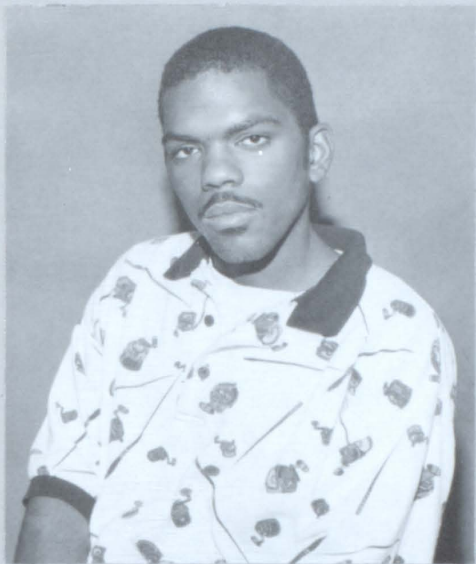
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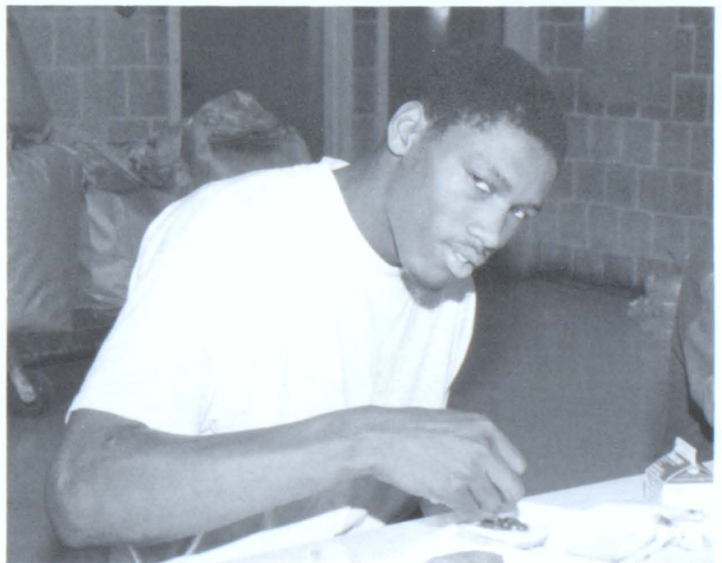
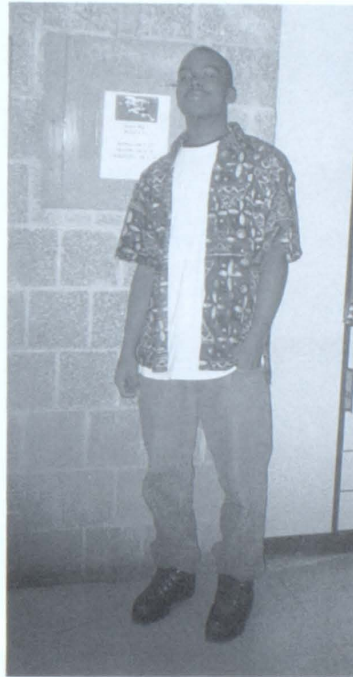
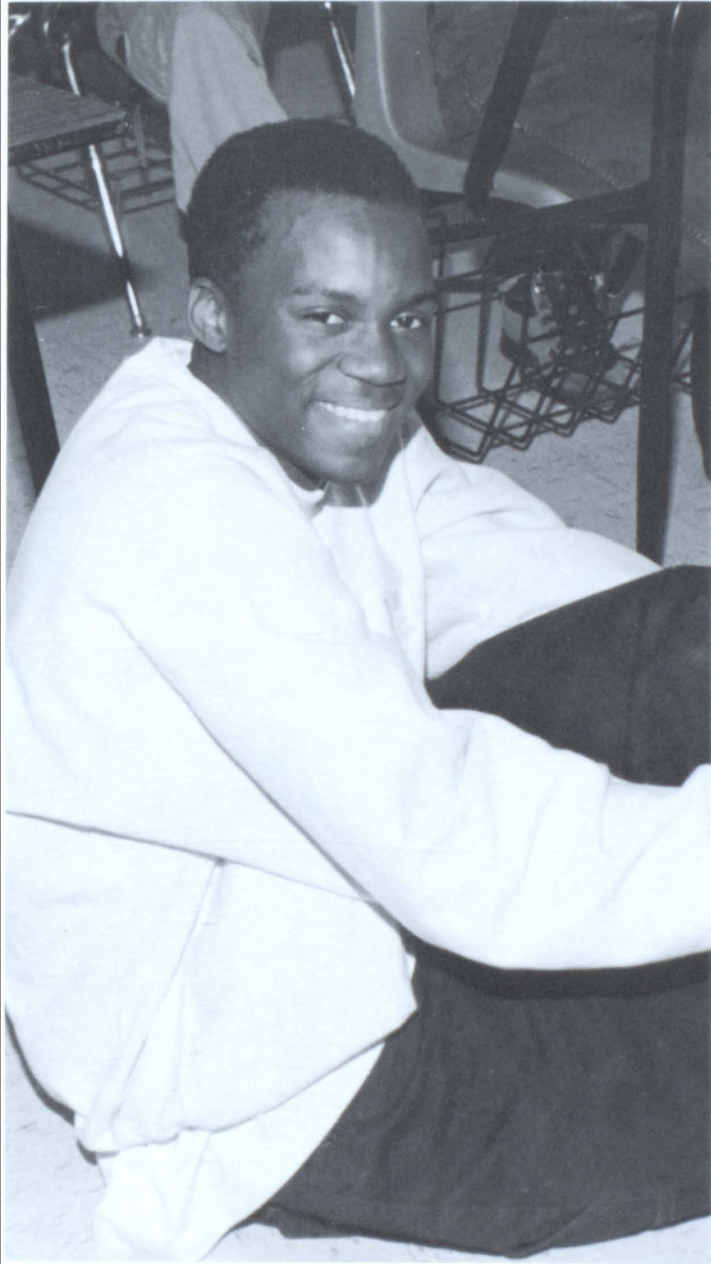


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Bridgett Olds

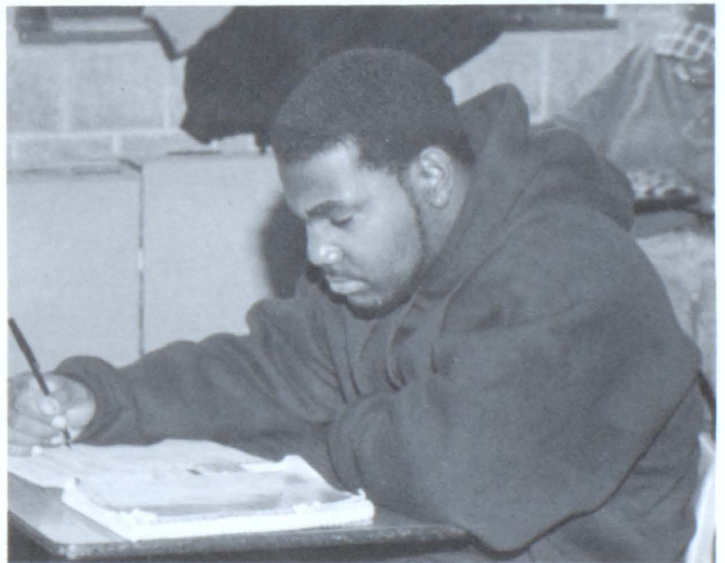


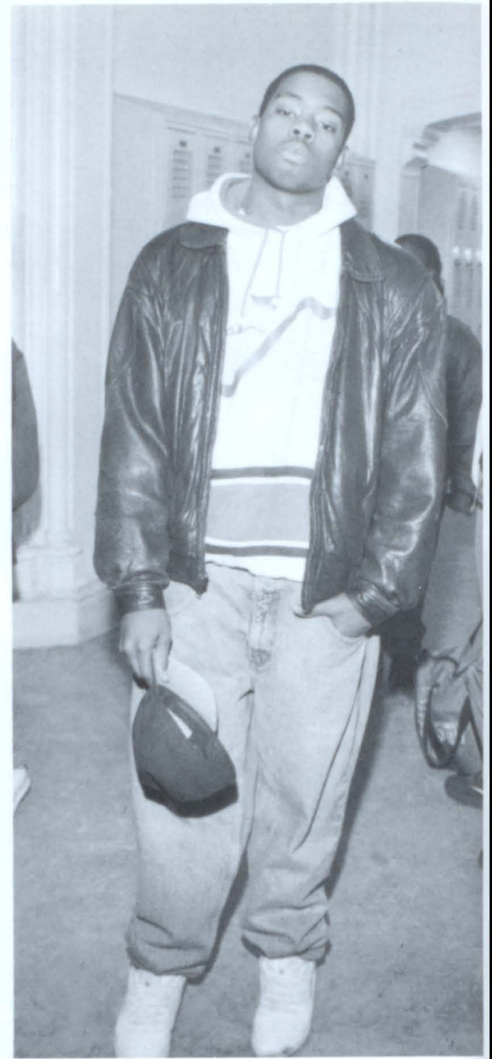
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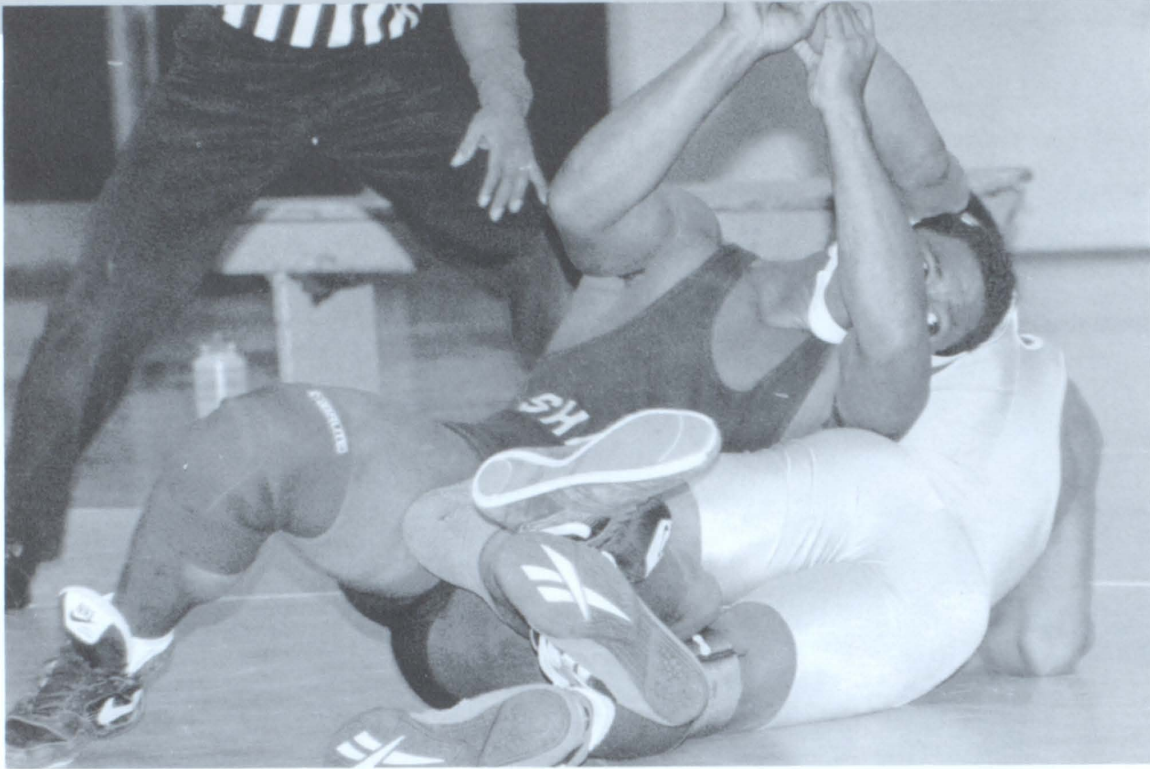








Bulldog Sports . . .

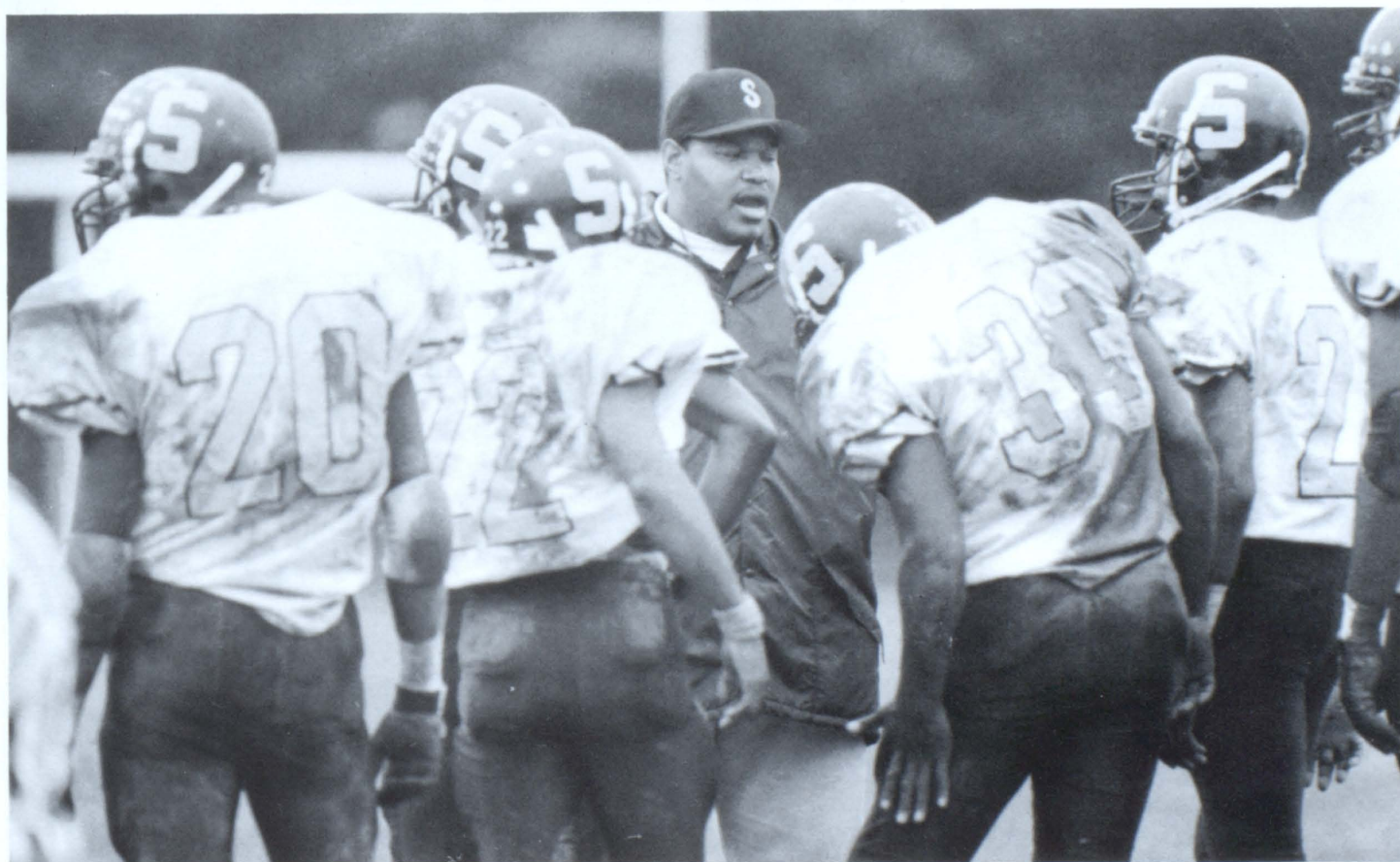






Bulldogs March Down The Field . . .







St. Dogs March Down







Bulldog hoopsters drive down the court . . .

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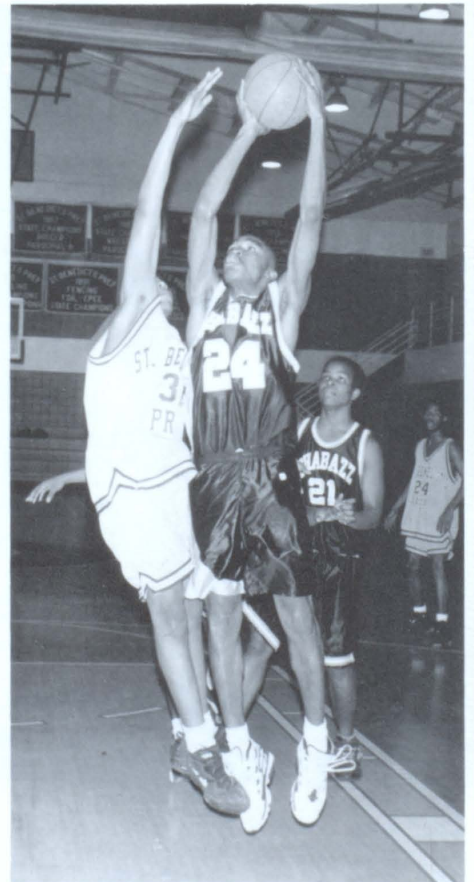


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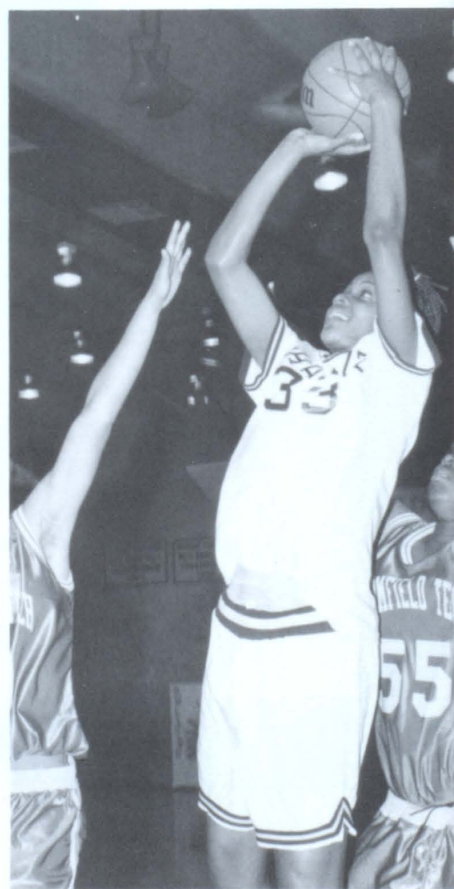
standing
you drive
down
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net







Lady Bulldogs get the job done!!



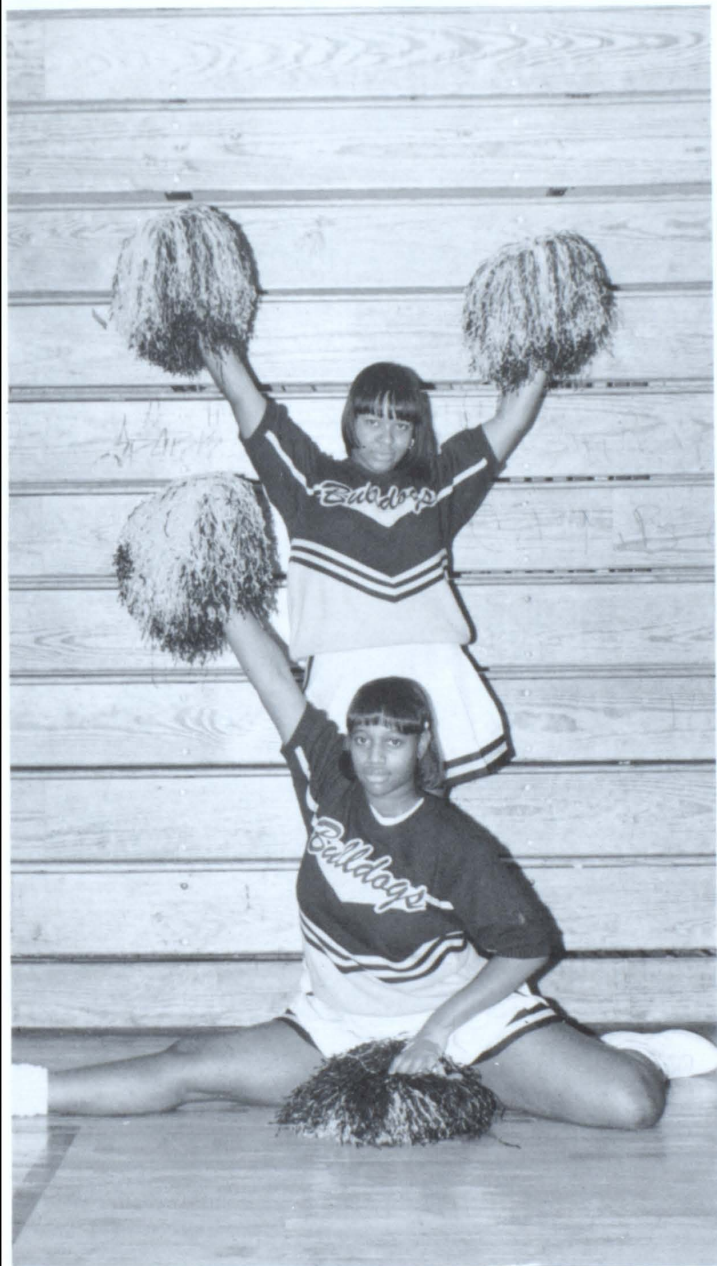




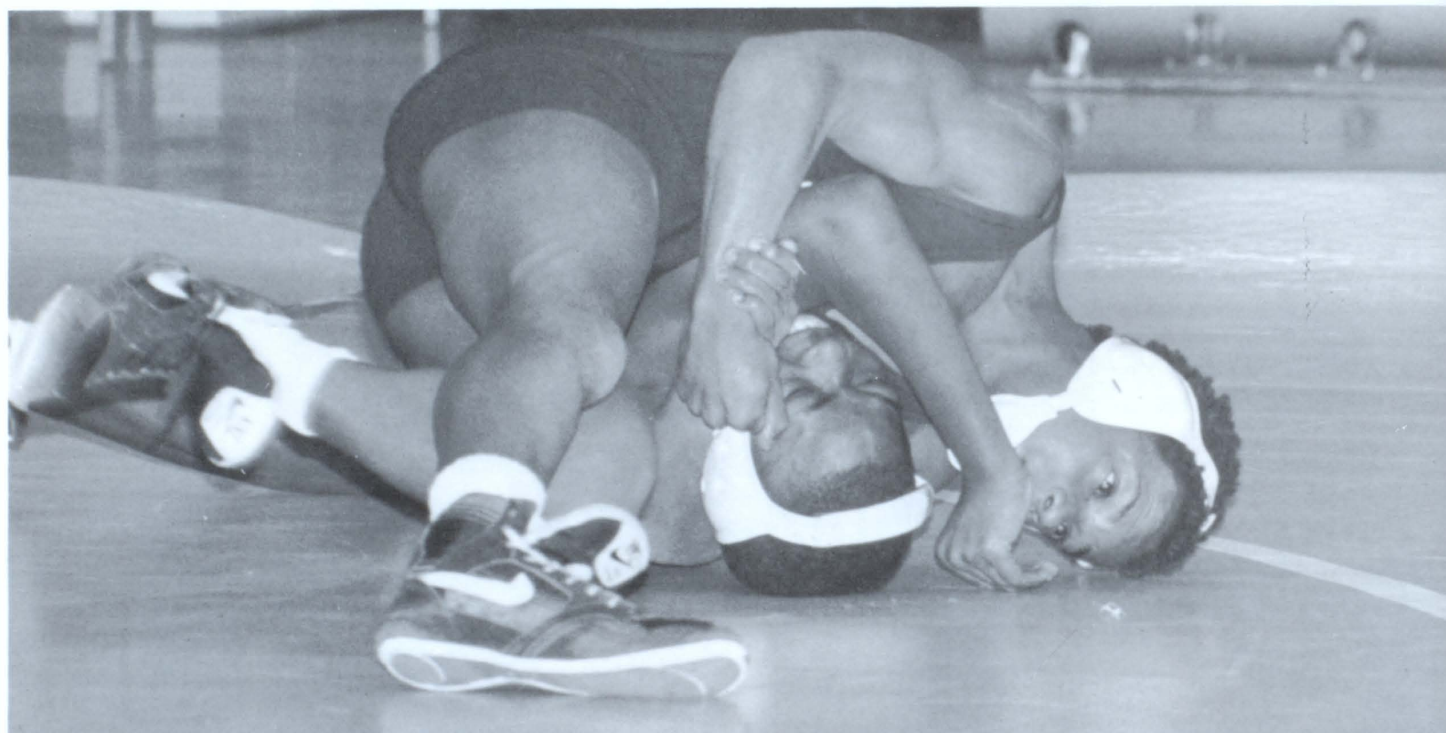


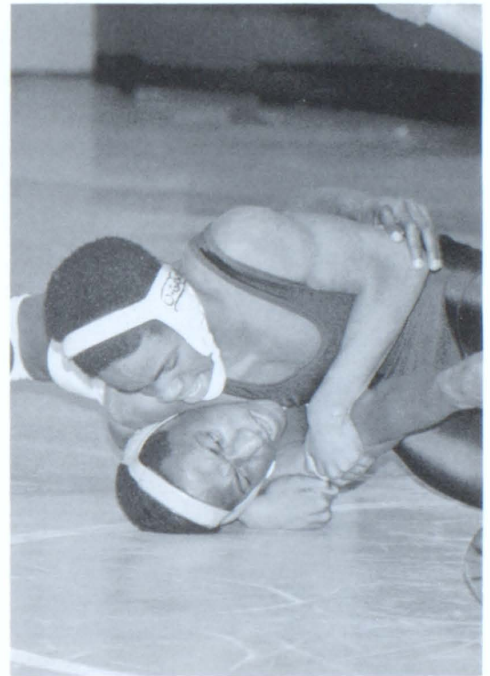


Cheerleaders keep the Bulldog spirit going

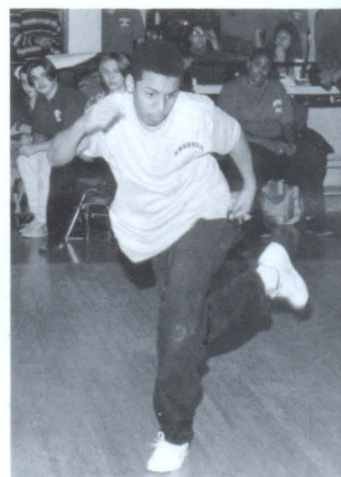
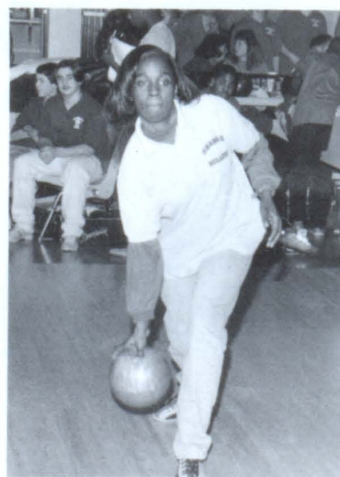


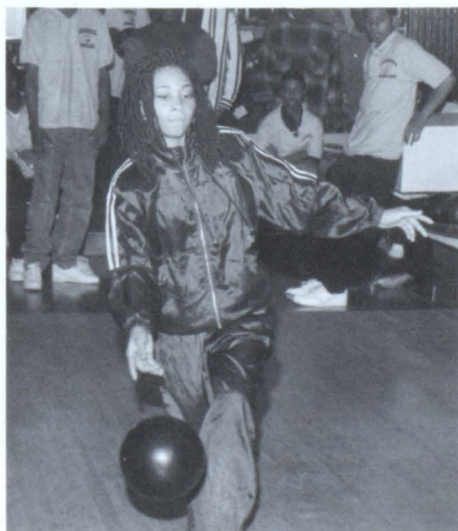
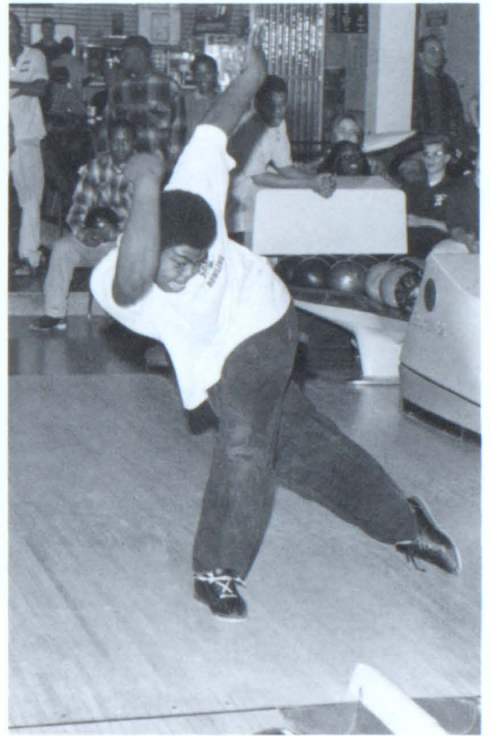
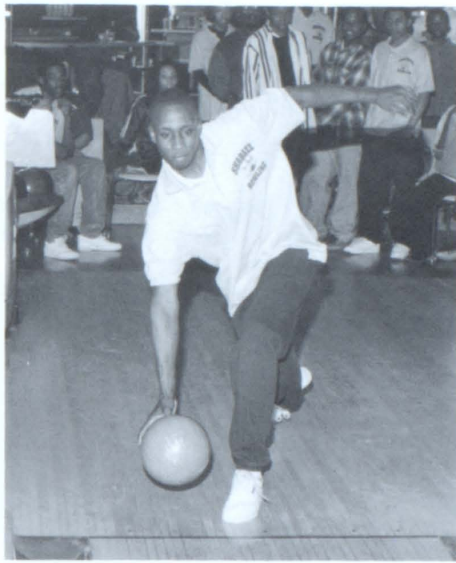
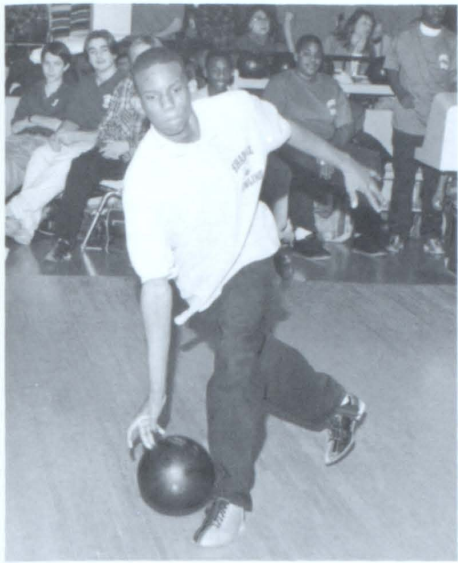
Matmen show the Bulldog's tenacity





Bulldog keglers rumble down the alley



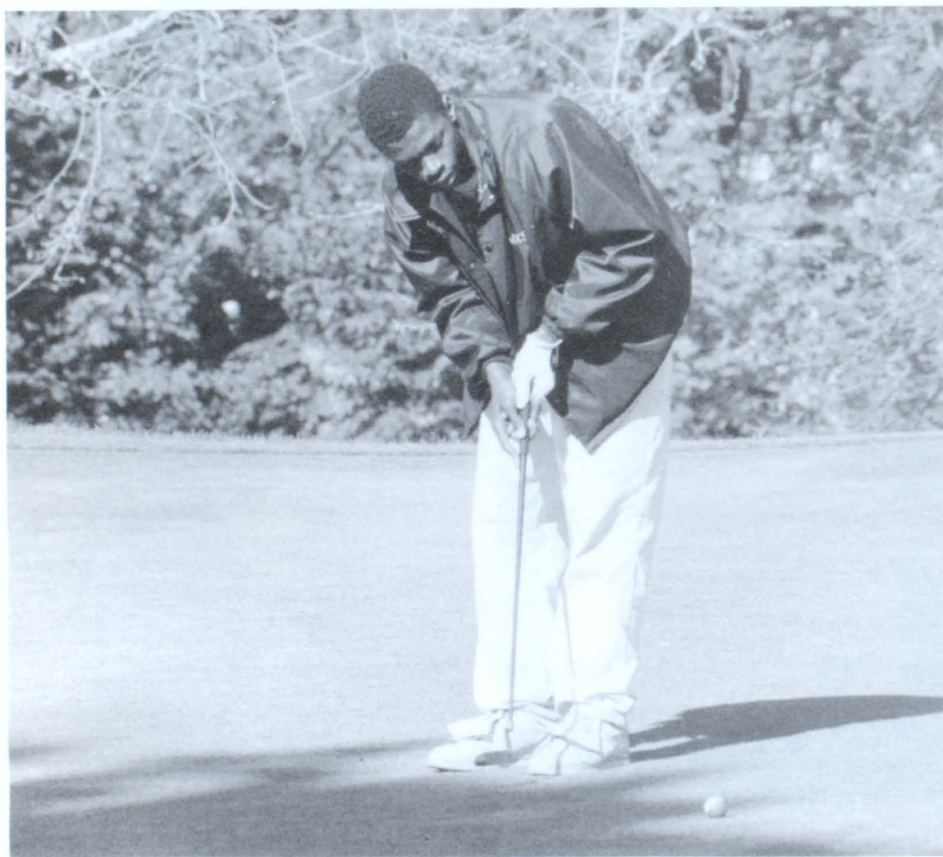


Game, Set and Match!





Golfers go for the win

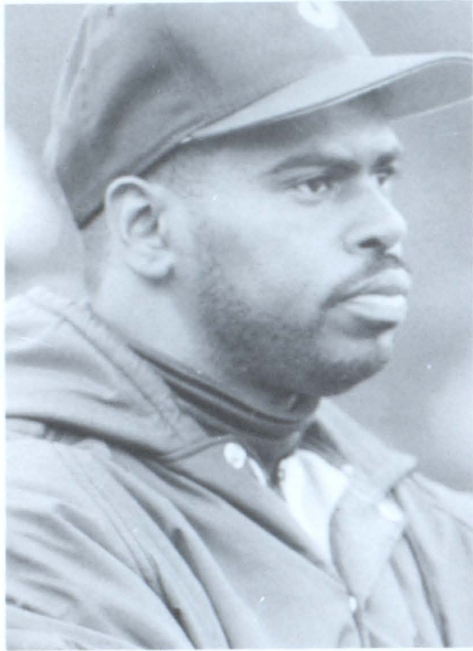


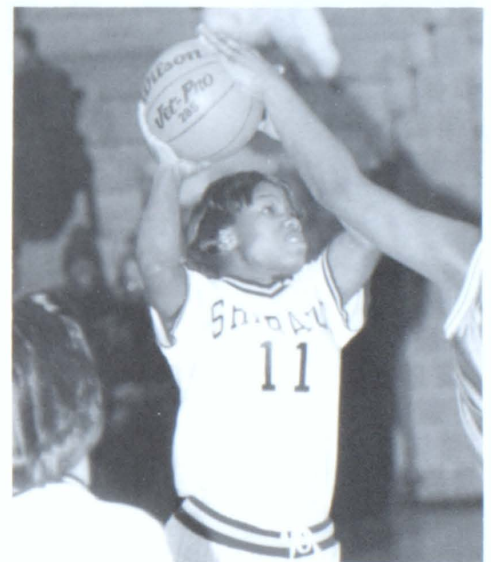
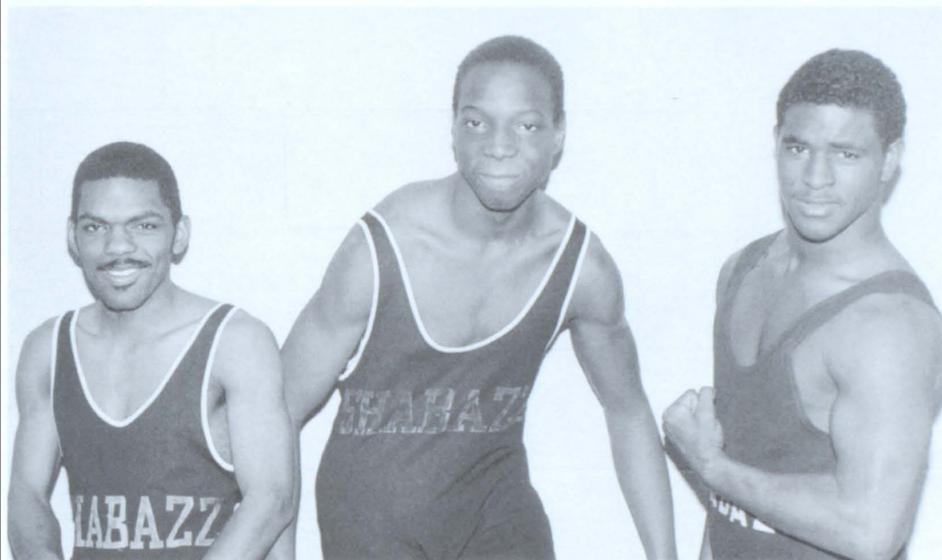


**Bulldogs
take to the
diamond . . .**



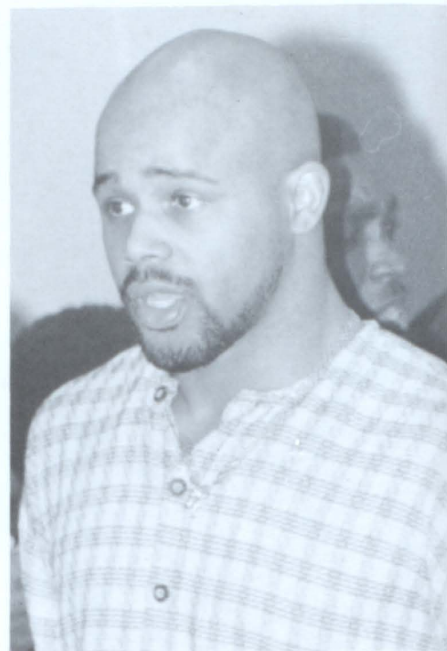
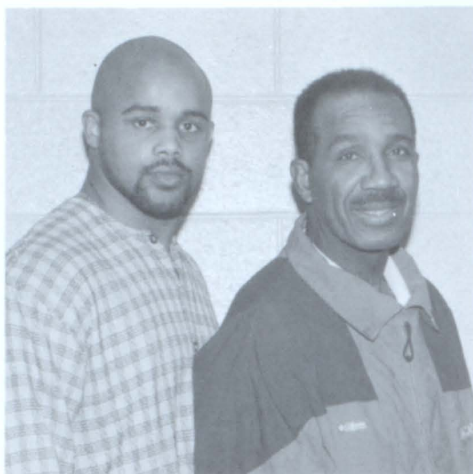


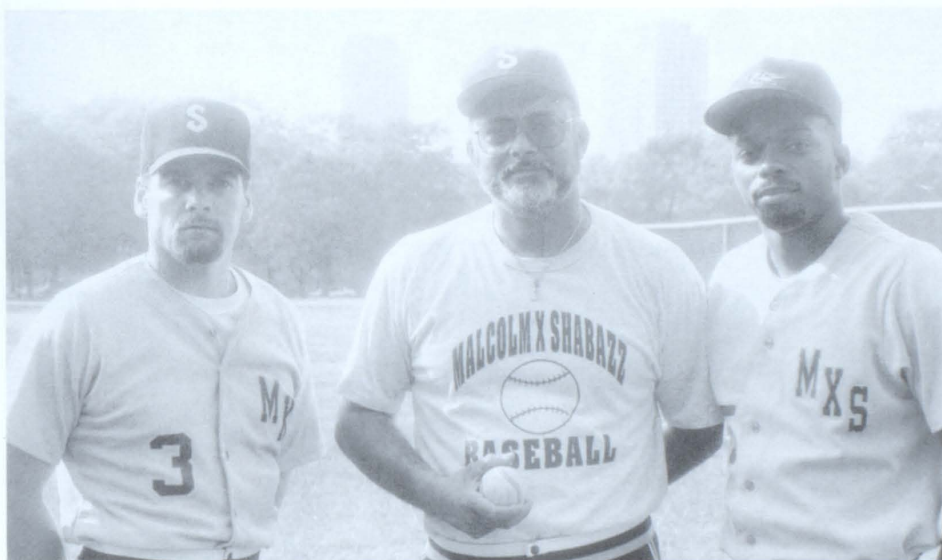
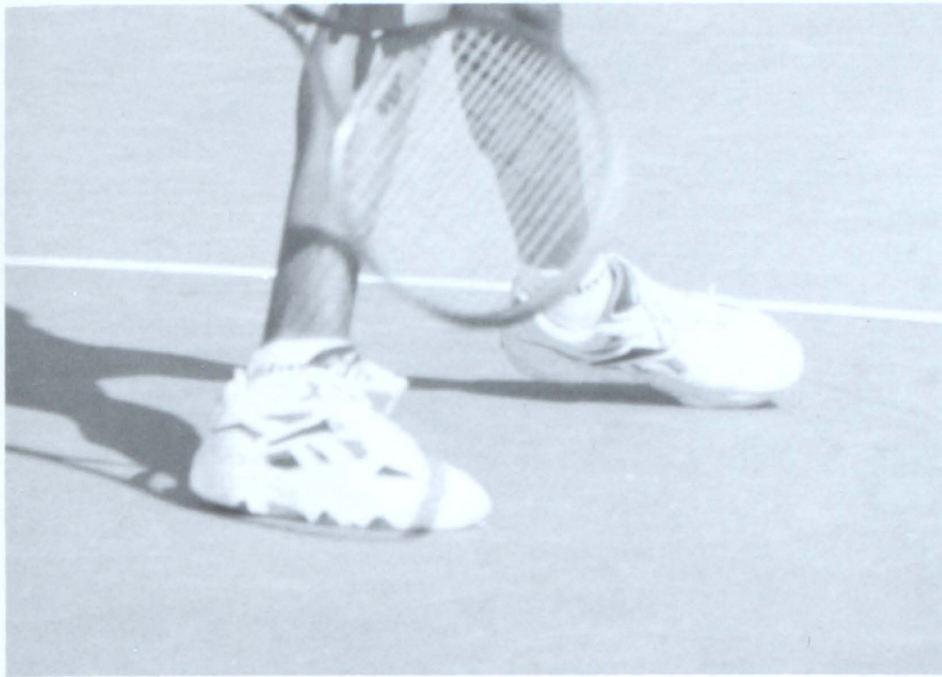




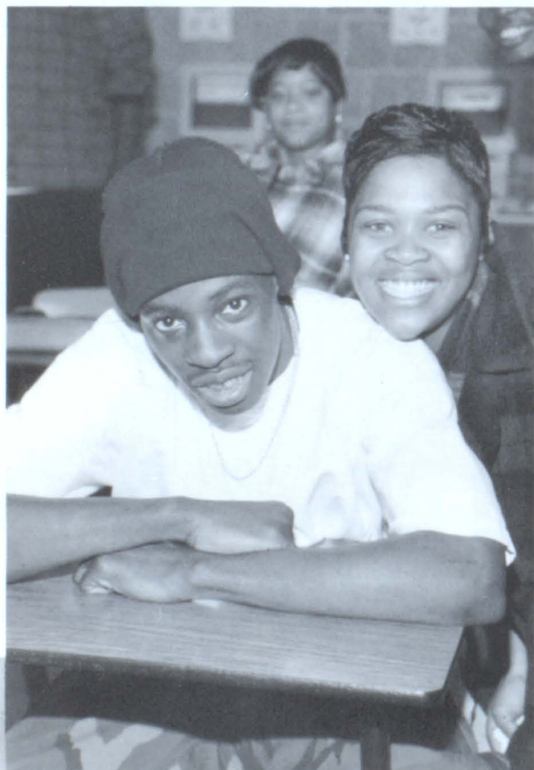








Student Life . . .





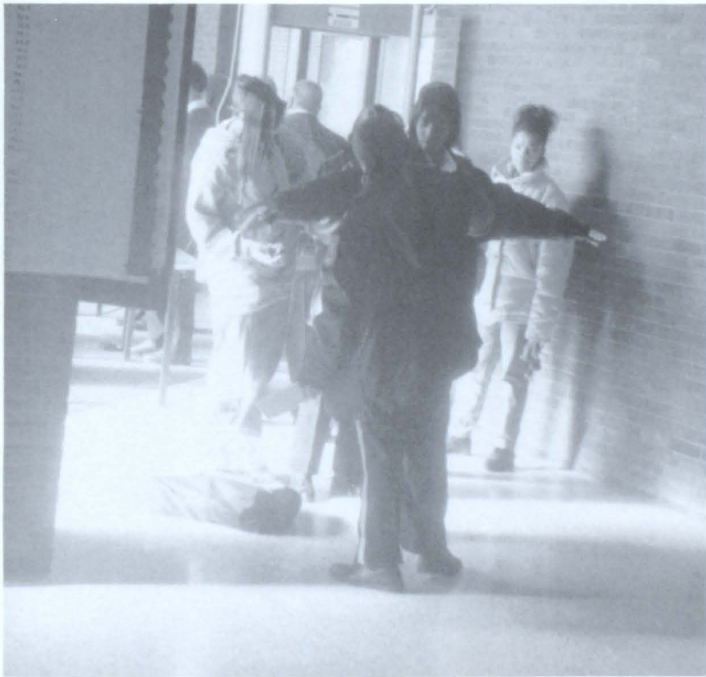
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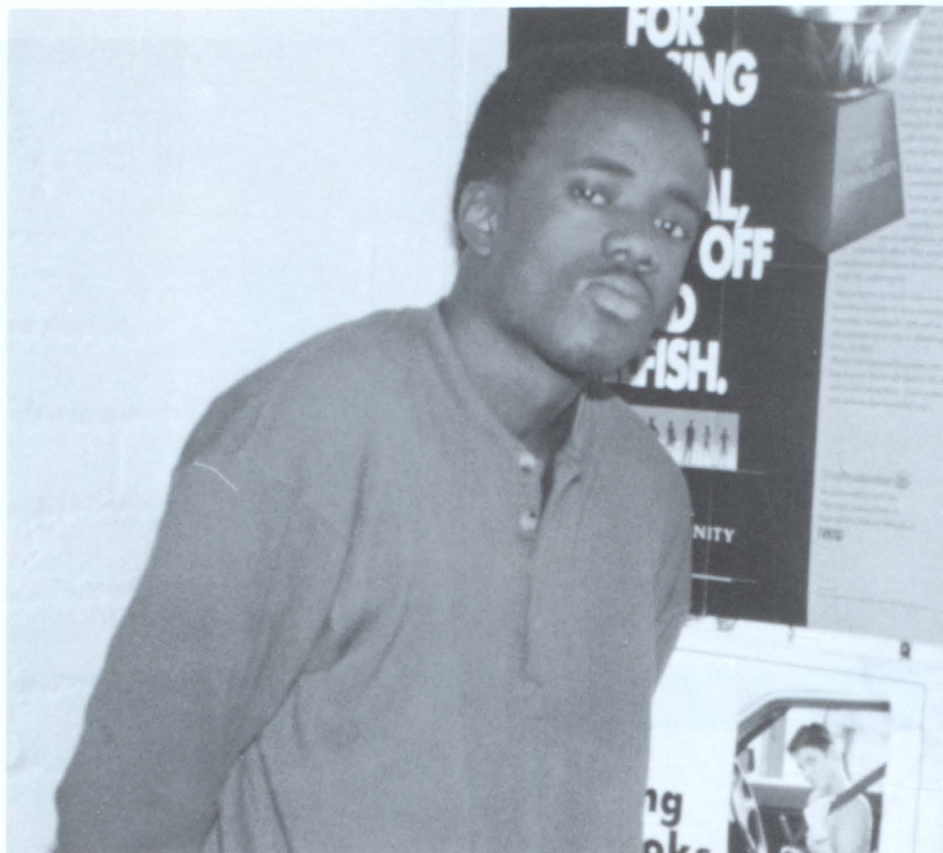




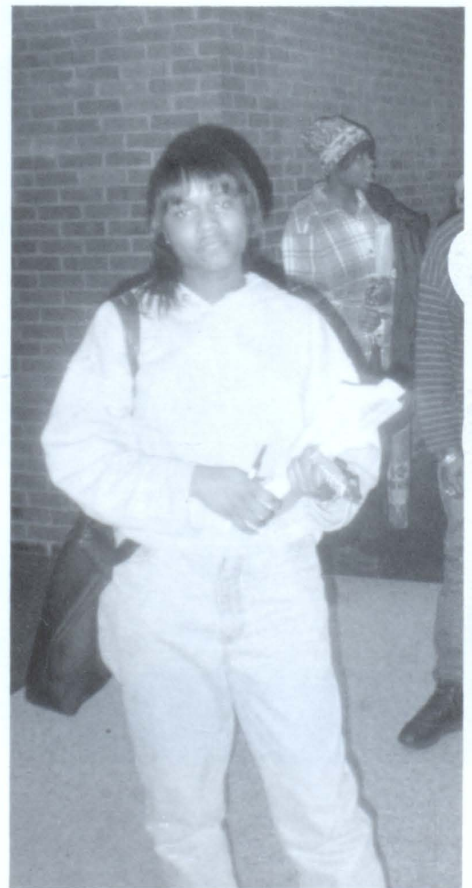
Starting our day . . .

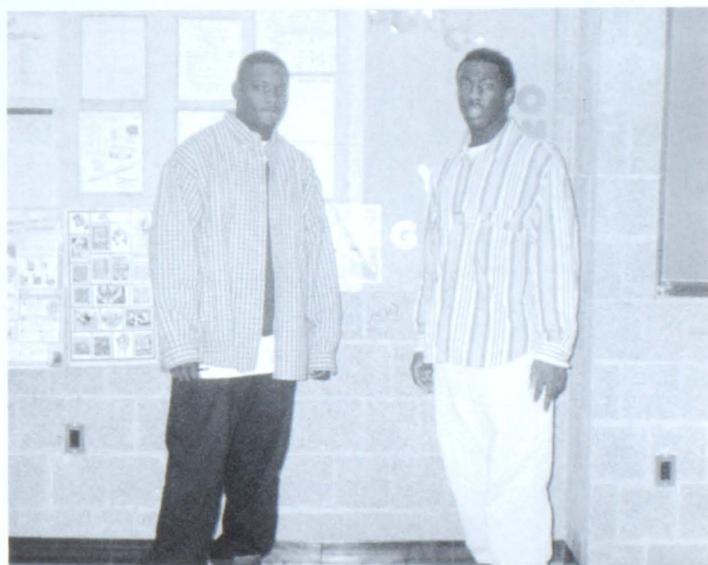






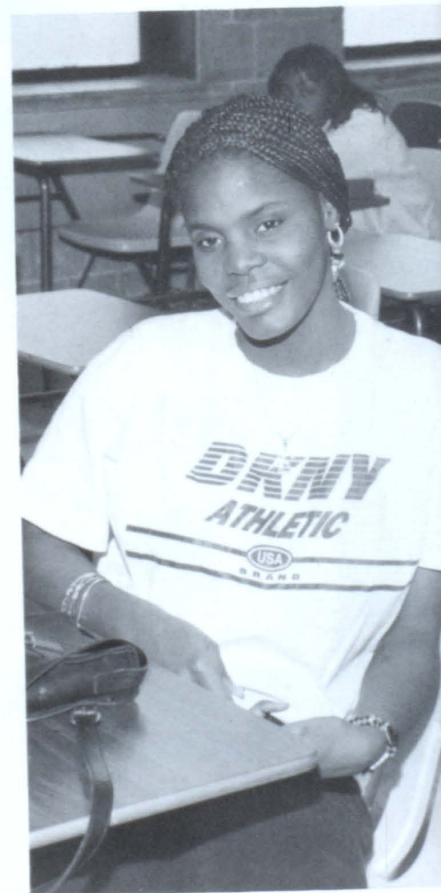
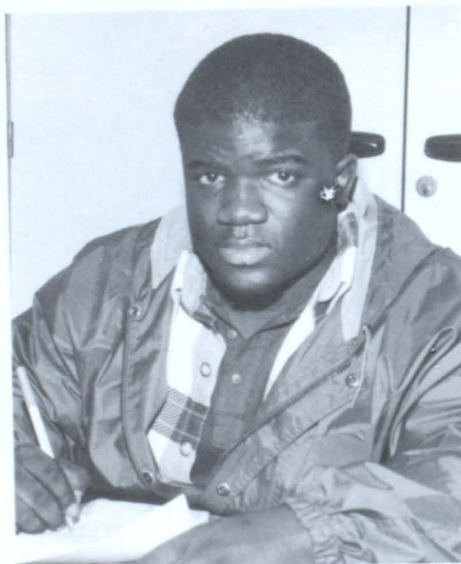
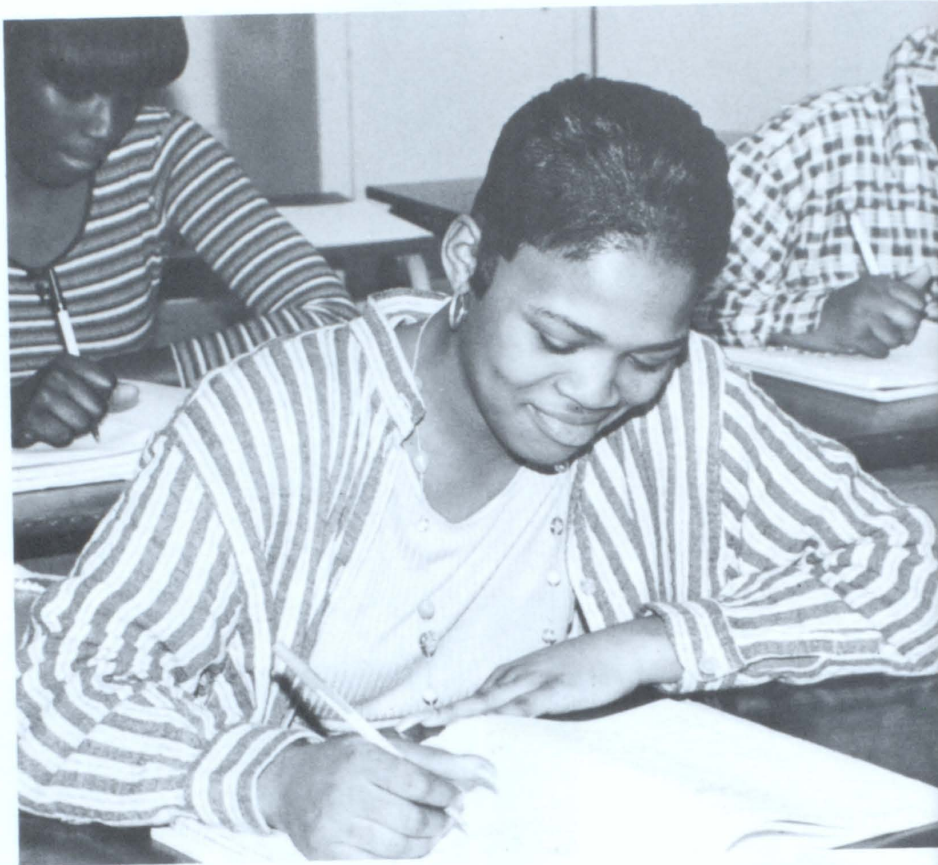






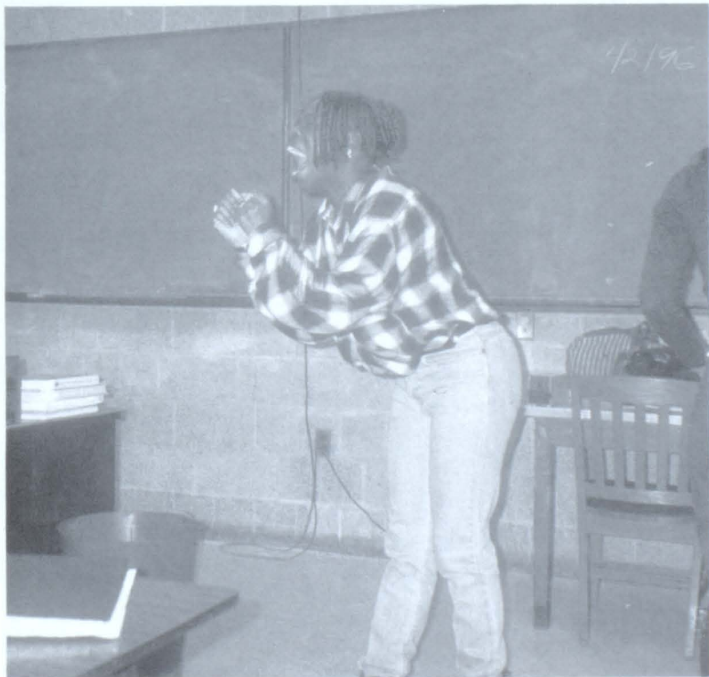


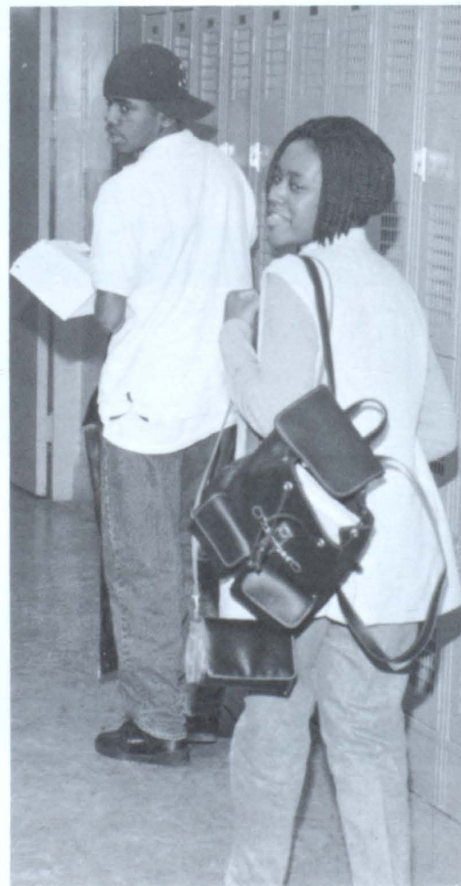








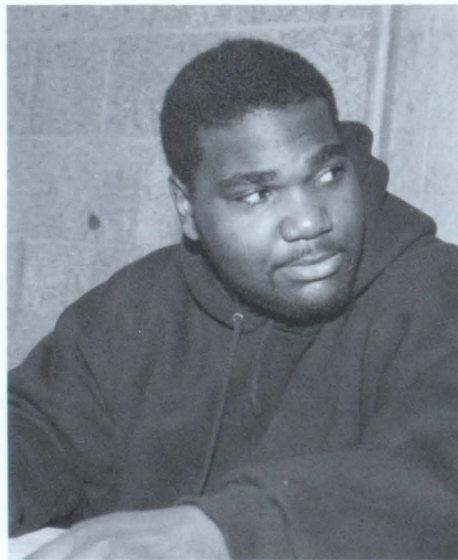


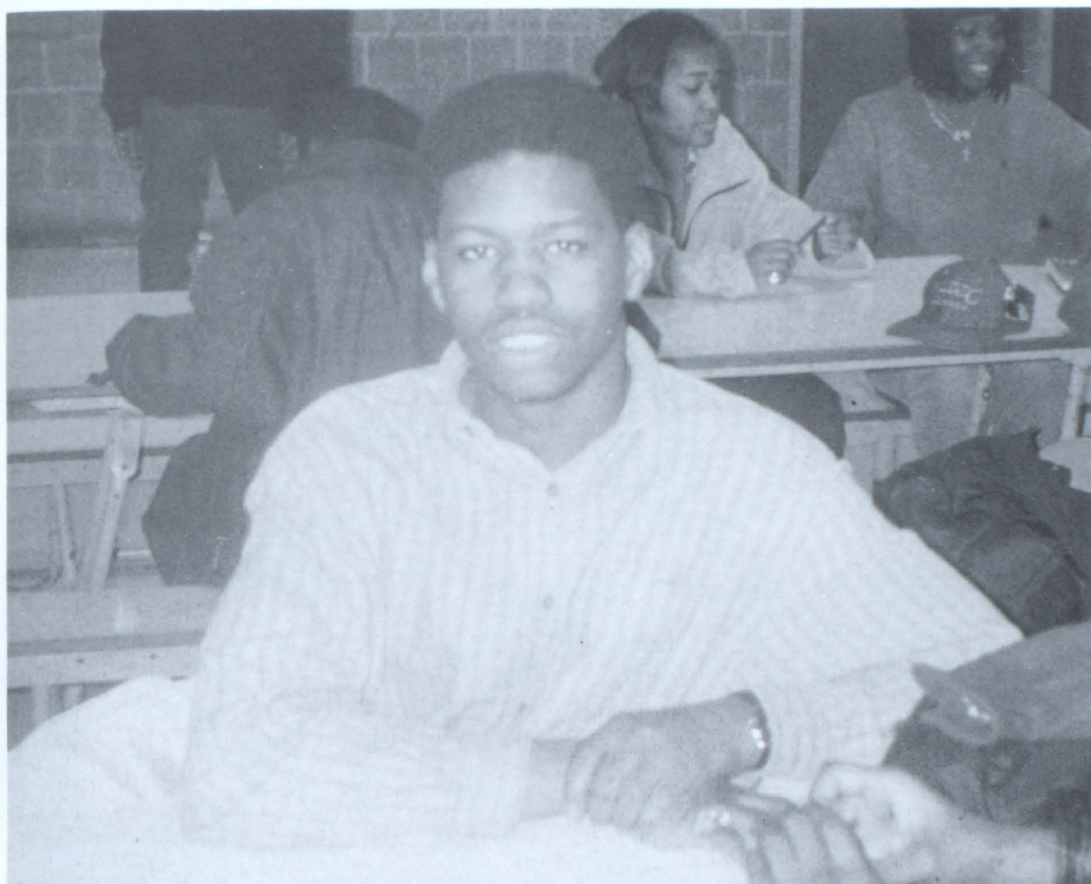








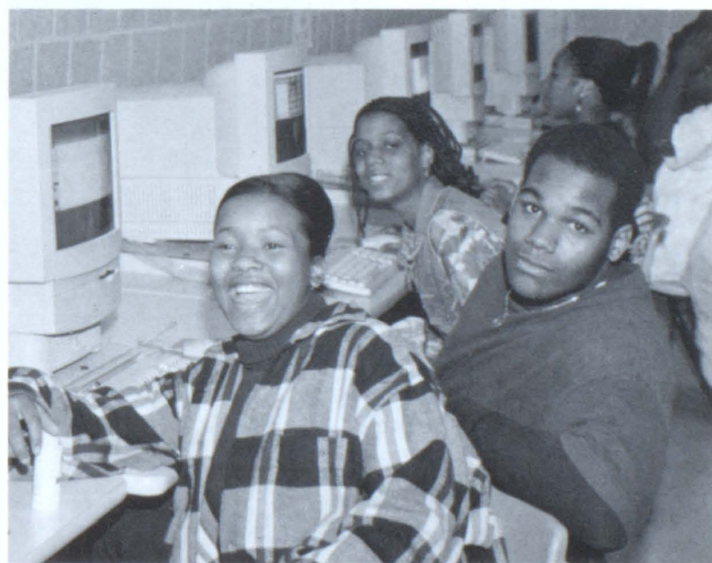
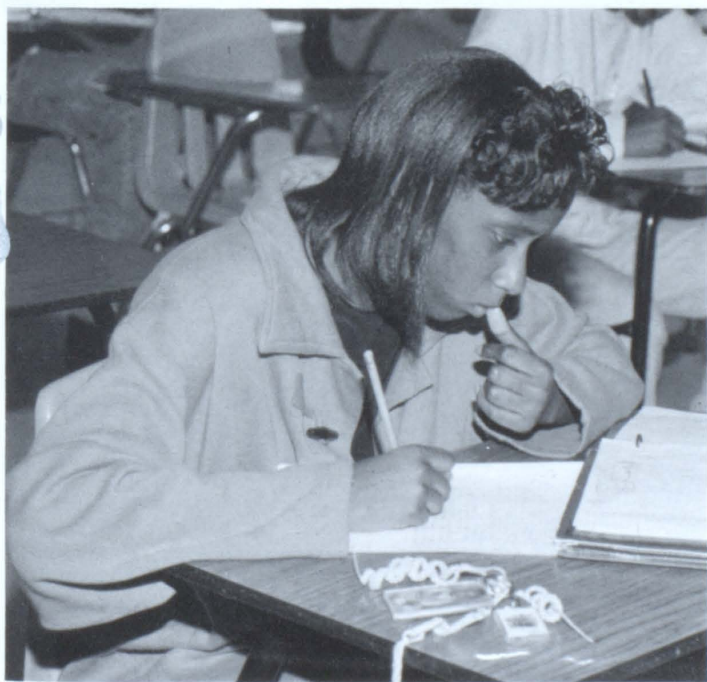




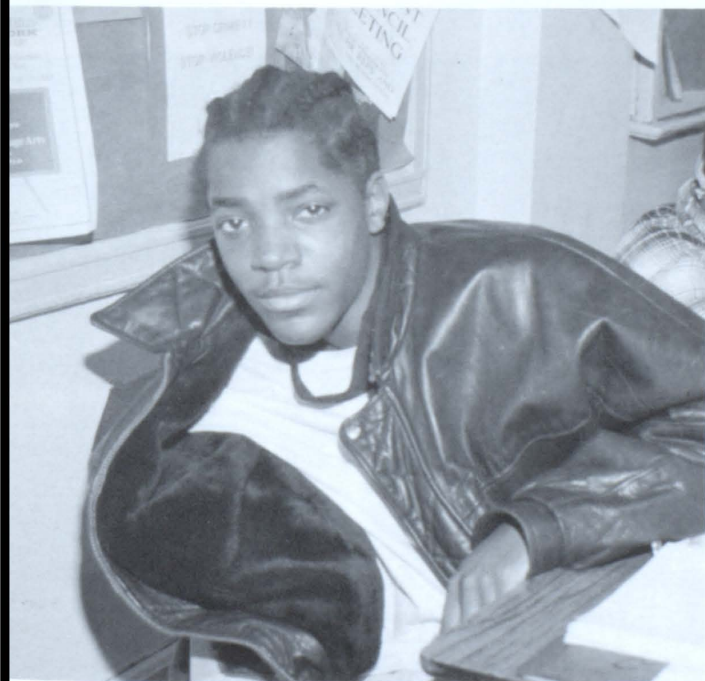




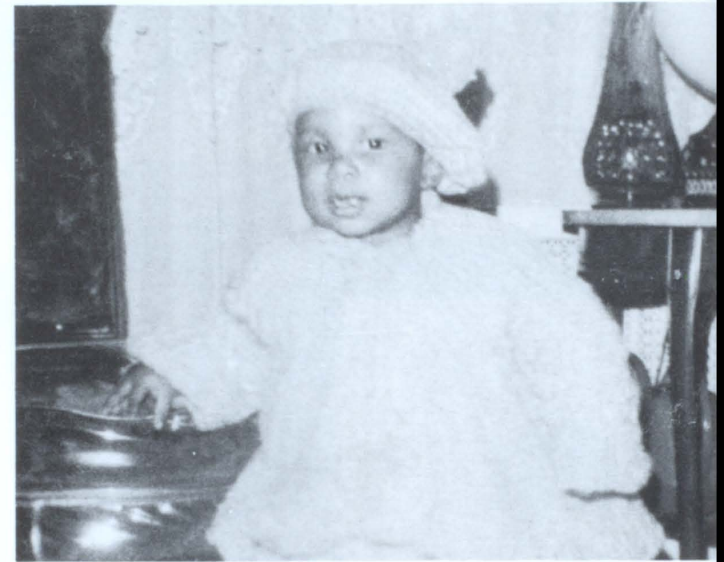








It's the Baby Bulldogs!!!

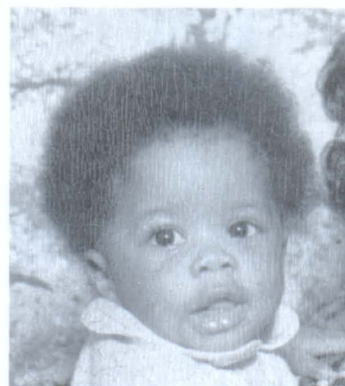




Cute, aren't they??



Here's some more, just
as cute!!





(To find out who they are, check page 144!)



Homeroom 122

MOST SCHOOL SPIRIT

Andre Coffee, Maria
McCormick

MOST POPULAR

Kenneth Newton, Dasha
Murphy

BEST LOOKING

Jahmel Jasper, Myra Vazquez



MOST TALKATIVE
Kashin Beyah, Kadeyia Patrick

MOST WITTY
Samuel Wilson, Quindela
Hilliard

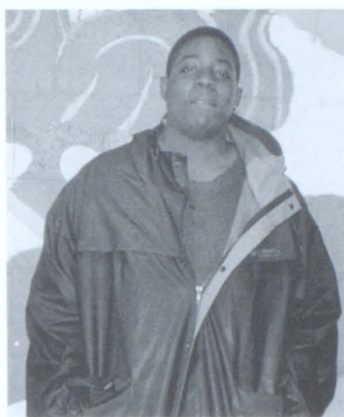
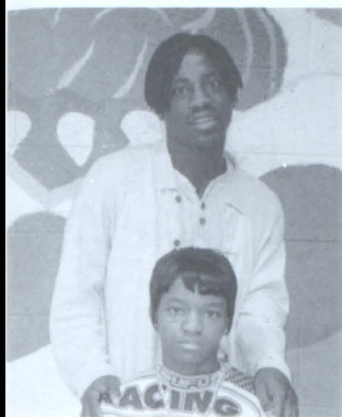
MOST ATHLETIC
Raymond Warren, Shante
Owens



MOST QUIET
Jameel Robinson, Denise Porter

MOST LIKELY TO
SUCCEED
Andre Coffee, Connie
Onyejekwe

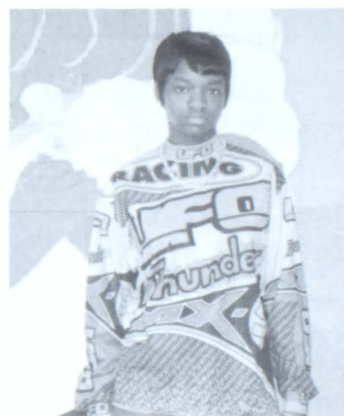
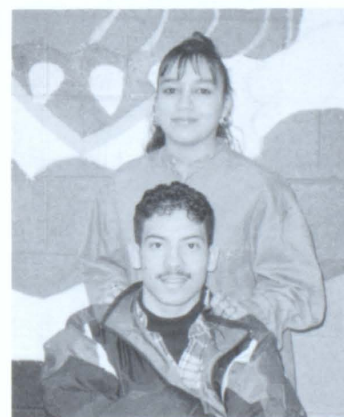
Homeroom 228



MOST SCHOOL SPIRIT
Rashawn Garvin, Ekeena
Majors

MOST POPULAR
Rashawn Garvin, Cynthia
McCoy

BEST LOOKING
Anthony Cook, Cynthia McCoy



MOST TALKATIVE
Rashawn Garvin, Iesha Durant

MOST WITTY
Rashawn Garvin, Quadriyyah
Crumpler

MOST ATHLETIC
Anthony Cook, Ekeena Majors

MOST QUIET
Rahmon Kirk, Tahnesha
Williams

**MOST LIKELY TO
SUCCEED**
Javier Torres, Claribel Colon

Homeroom 300

MOST SCHOOL SPIRIT
Jermaine Bruce, Habeebah Westry

MOST POPULAR
Willie Faulk, Habeebah Westry

BEST LOOKING
Alan Dunn, Queeana Vinson



MOST TALKATIVE
Willie Faulk, Sonia Beard

MOST WITTY
Acquilla McClain

MOST ATHLETIC
Willie Faulk, Jovita Geah



MOST QUIET
Darryl Coleman, Chanel Kelly

MOST LIKELY TO SUCCEED
Jermaine Grace, Marie Moody

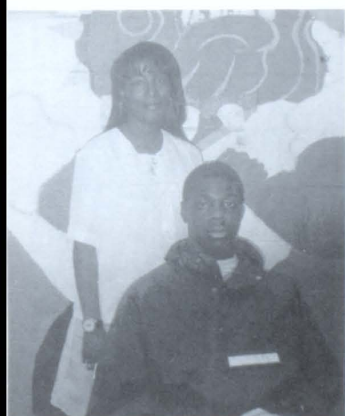
Homeroom 301



MOST SCHOOL SPIRIT
Shepherd Alston, Kimberly Anderson

MOST POPULAR
Shepherd Alston, Giennine Thompson

BEST LOOKING
Jamal Edwards, Giennine Thompson



MOST TALKATIVE
Jamal Edwards, Sharhonda Barron

MOST WITTY
Paul Warren, Stacy Campbell

MOST ATHLETIC
Shepherd Alston, Tonya Beard/
Kimberly Anderson

MOST QUIET
Bilal Hay, Crystal Fain

MOST LIKELY TO SUCCEED
Paul Warren/Kareem Carter,
Crystal Fain

Homeroom 314

MOST SCHOOL SPIRIT
Michael Jackson, Lakya
Purcell

MOST POPULAR
Nasif Harvel/Michael Jackson
Sakeenah Harris/Sakeenah
Johnson

BEST LOOKING
Nasif Harvel, Sakeenah
Johnson



MOST TALKATIVE
Nasif Harvel, Lawanda
Thomas

MOST WITTY
Michael Jackson, Lakya
Purcell

MOST ATHLETIC
Michael Jackson, Wadejah
Hurt



MOST QUIET
Delmar Barry, Tanya West

**MOST LIKELY TO
SUCCEED**
Michael Jackson, Kinya
Petgrave

Homeroom 327



MOST SCHOOL SPIRIT
Phalone Williams, Salimah Battle

MOST POPULAR
Shakise Jackson, Charlene Dunbar

BEST LOOKING
Ricky Hammond, Charlene Dunbar



MOST QUIET
Anthony Parmley, Jasmine Porter



MOST LIKELY TO SUCCEED
Joshua Armstrong, Kimberly Campbell



MOST TALKATIVE
Phalone Williams, Aisha Carter

MOST WITTY
Nathan Beacnam, Kimberly Campbell

MOST ATHLETIC
Jeff Harrington, Salimah Battle

Homeroom 328

MOST SCHOOL SPIRIT

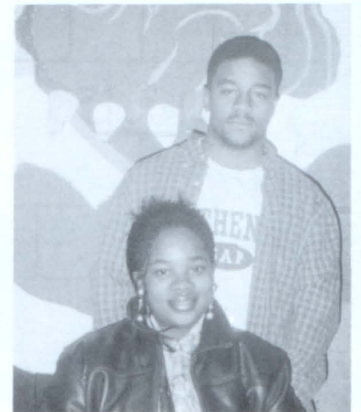
Jerrod Grimes, Khadijah Cousar

MOST POPULAR

Talib Covington, Zakiyyah Cox

BEST LOOKING

Gerwayne Closs, Latisha Lingo



MOST TALKATIVE

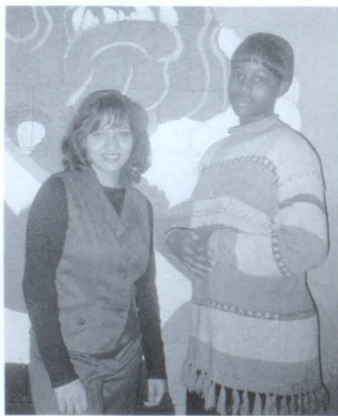
Talib Covington, Hazirah Walker

MOST WITTY

Talib Covington, Zakiyyah Cox

MOST ATHLETIC

Khadiyyah Cousar, Jessica Torres



MOST QUIET

Gerwayne Closs, Carmen Tejada



MOST LIKELY TO SUCCEED

Talib Covington, Farah Pryor

Homeroom 407



MOST SCHOOL SPIRIT
Kelvin McKinney, Libra
Footman

MOST POPULAR
Rajohn Dock, Libra Footman

BEST LOOKING
Rajohn Dock, Tynesha Peoples



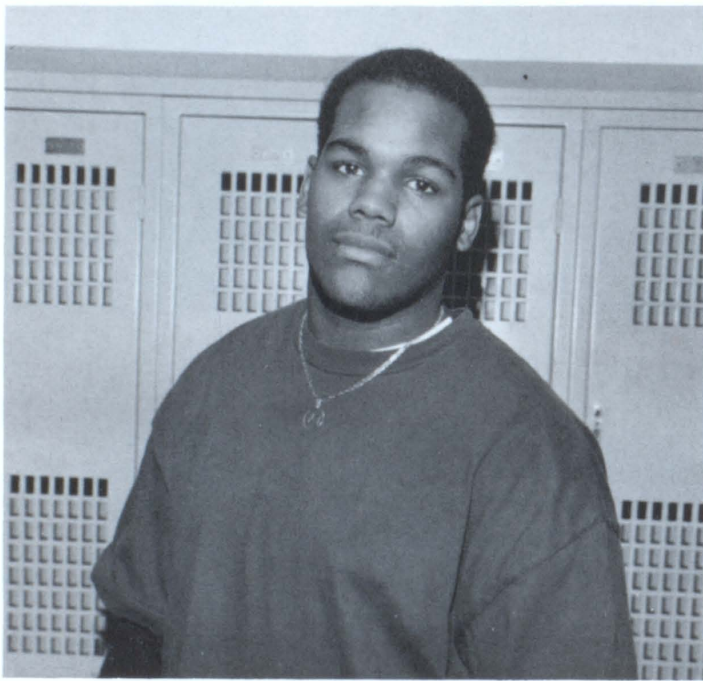
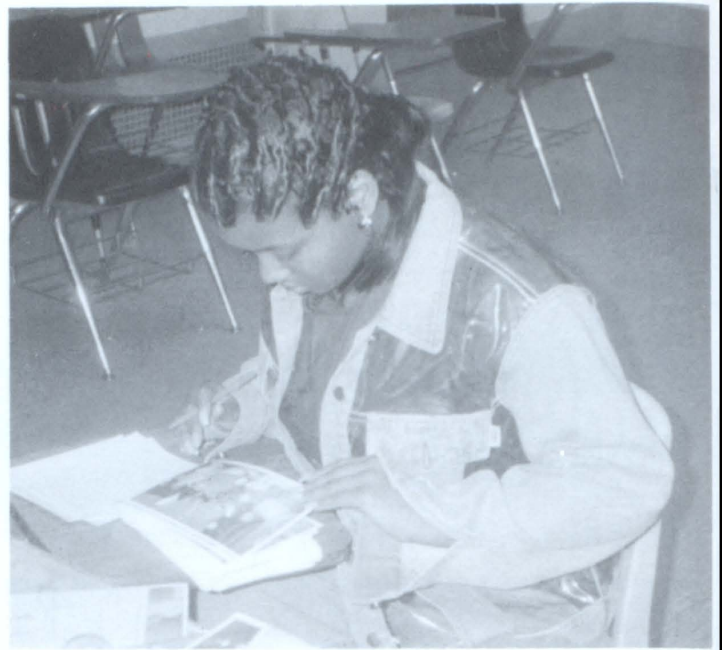
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Rajohn Dock, Tyesha Miller

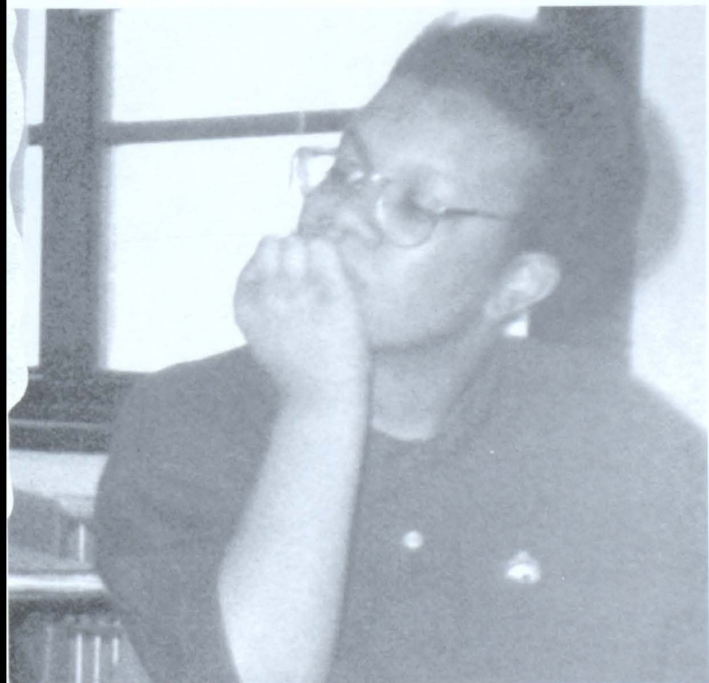
MOST WITTY
Rajohn Dock, Libra Footman

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Kelvin McKinney, Tomica
Marsh

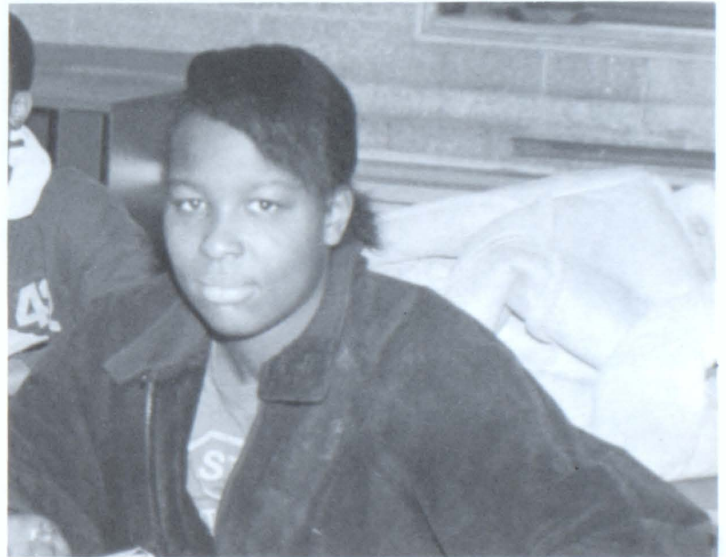
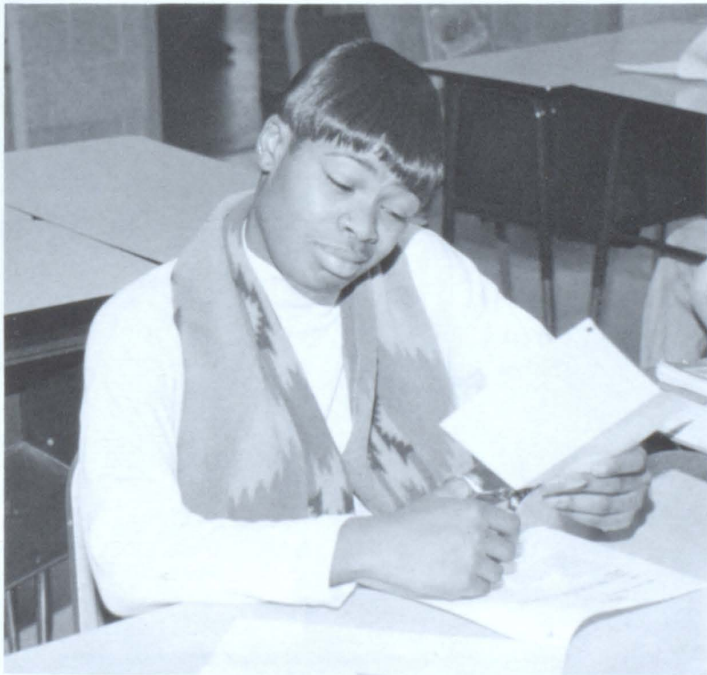
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Williams

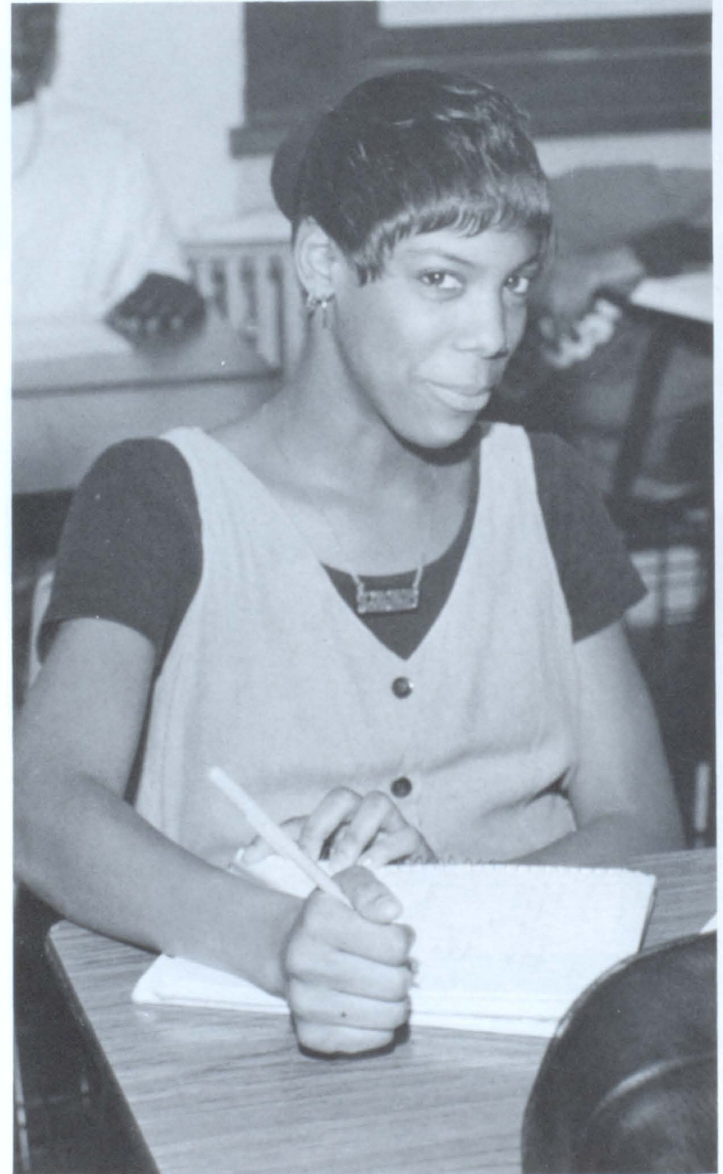
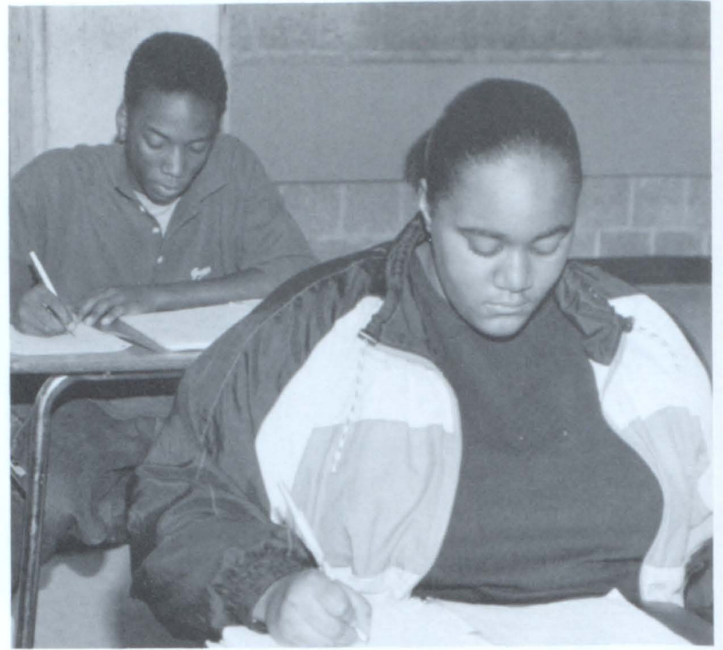
**MOST LIKELY TO
SUCCEED**
George Lewis, Aracelie Barry



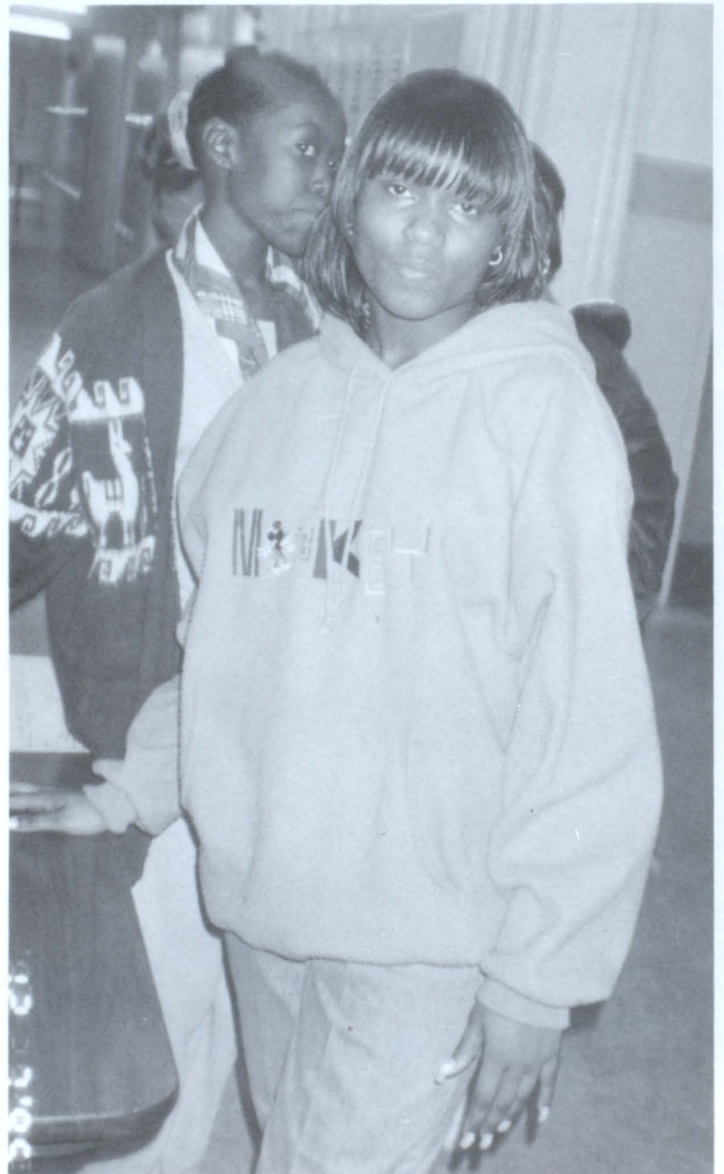
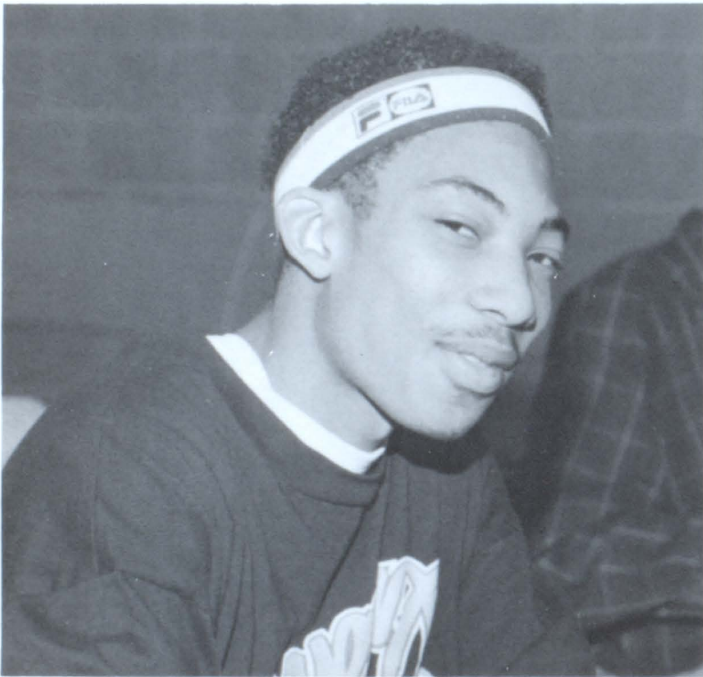


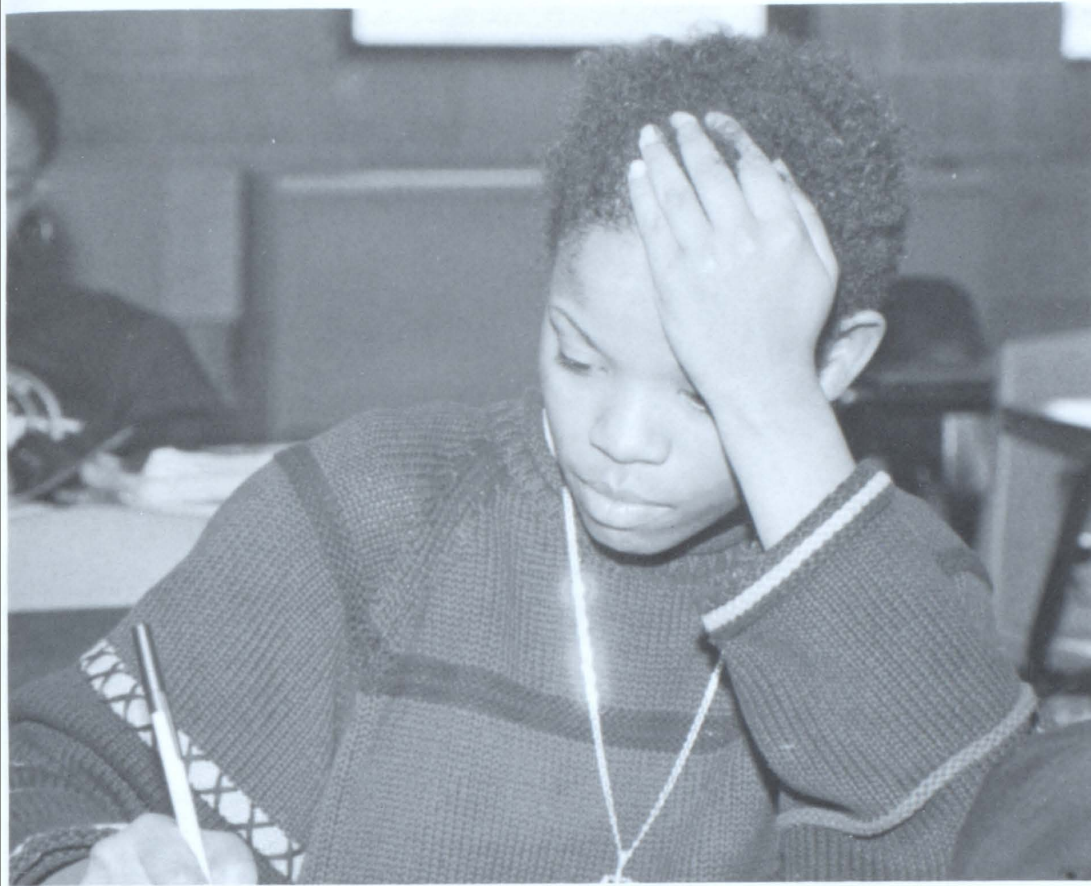


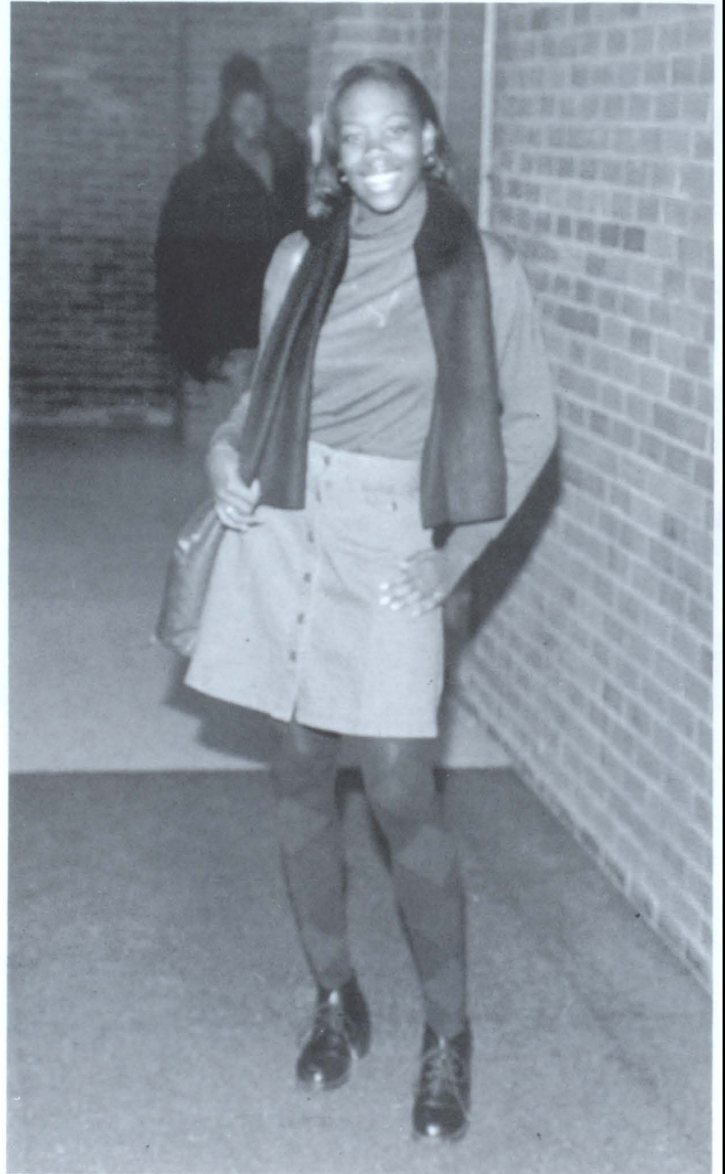
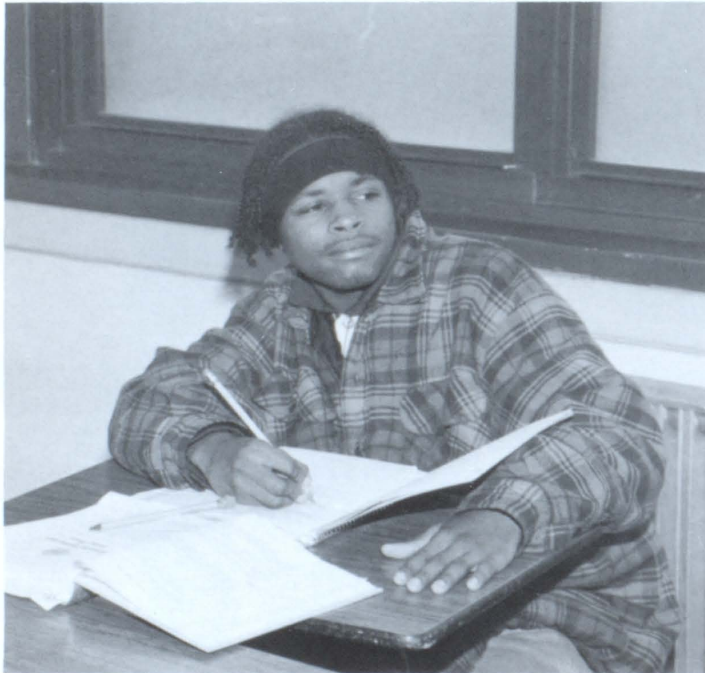
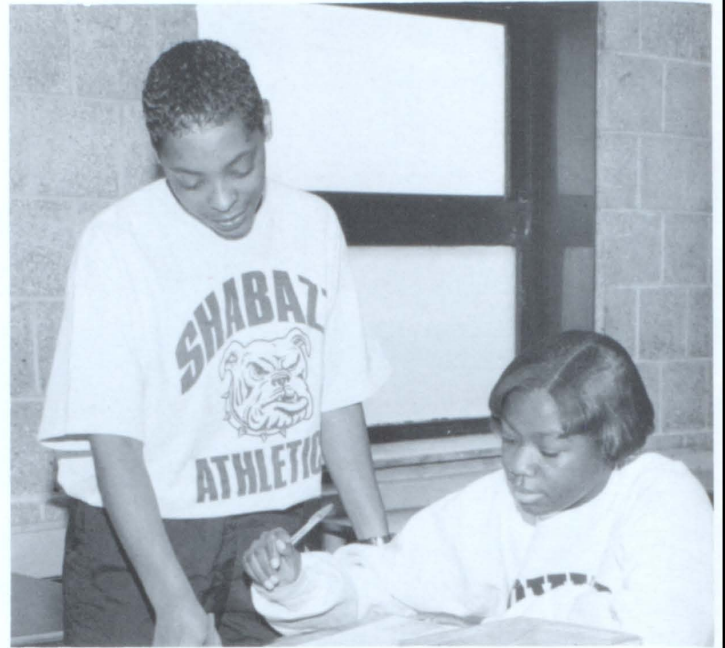


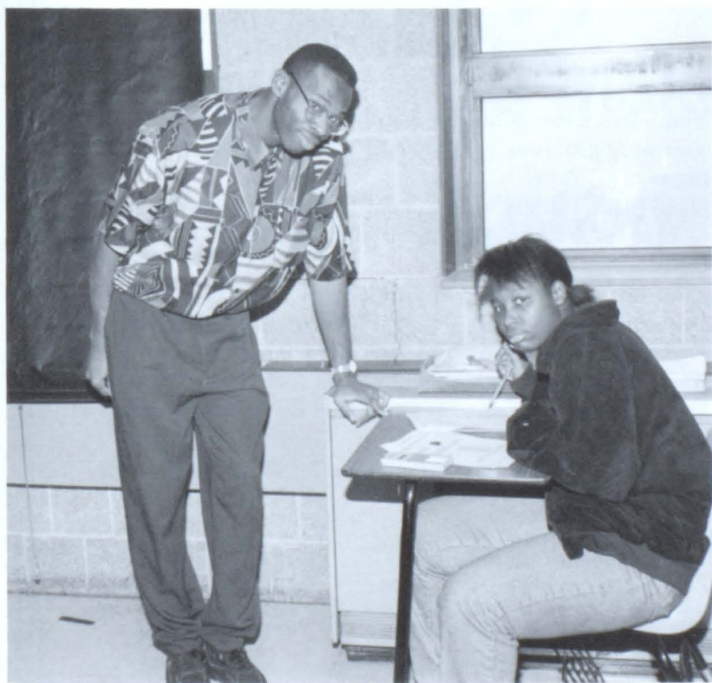












IN MEMORY OF

IDA FRANCES GEORGE

THURMAN

(1924-1995)

**EDUCATOR AND
CHRISTIAN CRUSADER**

IDA FRANCES GEORGE THURMAN, born in Hallsboro, North Carolina, was united in holy matrimony in 1942 to Reverend John Sanford Thurman. This union was blessed with eleven children. Reverend Thurman and three of their children preceded her in death.

She received her formal education at the Farmer's Union Negro High School in Clarkton, NC, graduating in 1941. She did further study at Southeastern Community College and received a certificate in education as a teacher's assistant.

Mrs. Ida was a strong advocate of higher education. She instilled her thirst for learning in her children, the children of the community, as well as the children of any community she visited.

She confessed Christ at an early age and joined the New Light Missionary Baptist Church where she served as a faithful, dutiful member until her demise. Some of her church positions were: president of the New Light Missionary circle for twenty-two years, assistant Sunday School teacher of the women's class, member of the Usher Board, Youth Department Advisory Council, and treasurer of the Sunday School.

In addition to her church, she served in the Brunswick-Waccamaw Association as the first vice president of the Women's Auxiliary, and as a committee member of the State Rally, the Women's Auxiliary Building Fund, and the Institute. She was also actively involved in the Columbus County Missionary Union and the Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention in Raleigh, NC.

A few of her social activities included birthday clubs, Artesia High School's PTA; community service and the NAACP.

"Well done, thou good and faithful servant: Thou has been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: Enter thou into the joy of thy Lord." (Matt 25:21)



A TRIBUTE

Yours was a useful life you wrought well while here,
You were generous with your time, and you toiled year
to year.

Many a life you did touch, always doing your part,
Glad to serve when called upon with a meek and humble
heart.

Your life was dedicated to things noble and true,
It was no task for you to work — that you wanted to do.
You'll never be forgotten, though you have passed away.
The deeds you left behind will live on each day.

We didn't want to give you up, sleep on and take your
rest,

This act of God we dare not question for He alone knows
best.

Your loving daughter,
Marjorie Thurman

Carol Hilliard



What you are is

God's gift to you . . .

What you make of yourself is

Your gift to Him

May you always continue to grow in faith,
in wisdom, and in happiness.

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From the whole
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That loves you so
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You have made us all
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We wish you lots of Success
in the Future
May God be with you
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Carol, this is just the
beginning of the rest of
your life. Enjoy!
Good luck & Best wishes
from your friends.

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To Keta —
How did you make it
because you was really stupid Sike! Good Luck
Love RaRa

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E — Energetic
Q — Quality
U — Unforgettable
O — Outgoing
Y — Young
A — All of these make Sequoya

Congratulations
Good Luck
in all you do.
We're very proud of you.
Love, Mom

To Vanessa,
I wish you much success. I wish us much success. I wish that my
success be more than yours (ha ha). No matter what happens we'll
still drive down the same one way street.
From Shakir

To My Baby Nikki
Good luck in your future,
with your career as well as with me.
Love always,
Sharif — bka — Reef

To Vanessa
God really loves you Vanessa because he helped
you through your senior year.
Love RaRa

To my Sweetheart —

You made it after all the fussing!
Good luck!
Love, Mommy

To Vanessa
Congratulations!
You made it, thank God; I know it wasn't easy. I am so proud of
you. I hope you further your education and succeed in life.
Love always, your Mother

Dear Tara —
I hope you achieve all your goals in life. Just
remember, hard work is needed to reach these goals.
If you get there, they will be very rewarding for you.
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Good luck, little Sis, from Ed

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 Congratulations from Rasco
 Good Luck Lakita Love Grandma
 Best wishes, love Lashonda & Quan
 Congratulations KeKe You Passed
 the test Love Tasha Pam & Sabrina
 2468 Keta's not going to graduate
 sike love Monique
 Good luck dirt & dirt love Q & T
 Good Luck Lakita love Daddy
 To my heart and my sweet candy
 good luck from Ronnell
 Congratulations KeKe love Pami
 To Bones you made it Niki
 To My Best Friend Lakita
 Congratulations Love Ronnie
 Best Wishes Tiana CB
 Good luck Tiana
 Good Luck! Tiana
 May God bless you Tiana! Mom
 Congratulations Mrs. Helen Good
 Congratulations Art Young
 Congratulations, lots of luck
 Good Luck Tiana — Jamal
 May heaven always on you William
 God bless you — Mary Westbrook
 Best of luck Tiana — Gail Terek Tia
 God bless you, Tiana — Chris
 Congrats go out in style Aunt Aril
 Best wishes Tiana — Malcom
 Good Luck Class of 96 Mrs.
 D'Oriano
 Good Luck Tyesha Miller from Scott
 Congratulations Class of 96 Ms. Raff
 Congratulations to the Class of '96
 from Mr. Arlak's Homeroom
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 Congratulations Class of '96 All the
 Best to You Ms. M. Williams
 Class of 96 Bulldogs all! J. Murray
 The best of luck to all L. Dixon
 Good luck to the Class of 96 Tyesha
 Congratulations Class of 96 Ms.
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 Good luck Tyesha from Latefah H.
 Good luck Tyesha you go girl Wanda
 Best of everything Marquier's Drugs
 Congratulations Tyesha from Dana
 Good Luck Tyesha Aunt Ezella
 Lots of luck & Love Tyesha Grandma
 Glad you made it love Chandra &
 Carl
 May God keep you today and always
 good luck Tonia — Sylvia
 Congratulations you made it Annie
 Good luck Tonia — Muriel
 Congratulations Tonia — Mr.
 Nathaniel Harrison
 You go Girl! Congratulations Tonia
 — Pam McLean
 Good luck to Tonia from Helen
 Good luck Darling — Muriel T.
 Best Wishes — Miriam V.
 Congratulations Tonia, Love Phyllis
 Good Luck Tonia — Mary P.
 Good Luck Tonia — Wanda
 Congratulations Tonia Gracie Mathis
 Good Luck and Best Wishes Palmira
 Cruz
 Good Luck Sonia — Annie
 Good Luck to Sonia — Sylvia
 Congratulations to Sonia, Cynthia
 Webb

Best Wishes Sonia, Adrinia
 Wish you much success Sonia —
 Katie
 The best to you always, Claus
 Good luck Sonia from Helen
 Keep talking — it will get you
 through whatever — Sandra
 Clark
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 To Kadeyia good luck — Teefah
 Mad love and respect good luck —
 Wa—
 To Kadey Stay cool & sweet Tracy
 To Kadeyia Good luck Love Ro
 To Kadey have fun!! — Shug
 To Kadey may God bless you
 Kadee you made it trick love Zakee
 Kadee keep up good luck
 Hakim! stay cool Kadeyia
 Kadeyia love always Chuquana
 To Cynthia the funniest Monique
 To my best friend Nikki — Kera
 to Nikki Good luck in the future
 to Nikki good luck with Reef
 To Nikki love Steph
 Congratulations you made it Mr. It
 to Nikki good luck FPS sisters
 to Nikki stay cool God bless RaRa
 to Nikki the craziest love Tina
 How did you make it? sike Keke
 to my best friend love Ayliya
 To the girl I always loved as a sister
 Congratulations love always
 Ronnie
 To Nicky good luck with love
 Mommy
 To Nikki good luck love Sharif
 To Nikki from FPS good luck
 To Nikki from Daddy Good luck
 To Nikki good luck from Jerome
 Put the brakes on love Gu Gu
 Keep up the good work love Luis C
 Quoya never stop learning Brenda P
 Congratulations good luck Ann &
 Luis
 Congratulations Quoya love Ricky
 Good luck Quoya love China &
 Family
 God bless you in a special way DM
 Good luck Quoya keep going John
 My best to you Quoya love Grandma
 M
 Good luck Quoya love Kee & Tisha
 Congratulations Quoya love Carmen
 Joseph K. Brown Jr. Prin. LA
 Spencer
 Paula Yancey-Dykes, Tchr, LA
 Spencer
 Vincent Ditta, Tchr LA Spencer
 Stay cool and stop laughing Tabitha
 P. J. Bess & family
 Best wishes Salimah, Scott
 Good Luck, Best Wishes Salimah
 Best wishes good luck Rojohn &
 family
 Rasheed Mohammed Ford Rasheed
 All
 Good Luck — Deborah Long,
 MXSHS office
 Antonio Rosa
 Arline Young

"Mutha" William Hughes Good luck
 Good Luck Carol — Huck
 Best Wishes Carol
 Best Wishes from Tom
 Best Wishes Carol Evette Evans
 Best Wishes Carol — Fleming
 Good luck Carol
 G. Johnson
 Earl Williams
 Terry L. Stephens
 Arthur Cowart
 Anderson Daniels
 French Pancket
 Anthony Tappins
 Oscar Kellam
 Jacqueline Williams
 Joyce Washington
 Good Luck Lucy K.
 ???
 Barbara Glade
 Reverend Napier
 Elsie Haynes
 Amy Kelley
 Good Luck Joyce Bailey
 Good luck L. Cates
 Mr. Charles Epps
 Rev. Paul Lewis Sr.
 Good Luck Yulanda from Mom &
 Dad
 Gloria Harvey
 Good luck — Kimberly Davis
 Good Luck Yulanda!! William
 Weston
 Bobby James Smith
 Go Ms. DNKY (Wanda) Coach
 Delicia
 Good luck, Wanda! Keep it real!
 Delicia D.
 Good luck Big Sis Outta here
 "Lamar"
 Good luck, keep it up Ana
 May God continue to bless you in the
 future Michele Cooper
 Good Luck Wanda! Keep It Up
 Leonor C.
 Wanda don't drive your mom crazy
 LC
 Congratulations Wanda — Kareemah
 Good luck, Roya Lage
 From true s. black congratulations
 Senior
 Good luck Wanda stay sweet Dorothy
 Money is power, education takes you
 higher! — Val
 Education is the key to being
 independent! — Val
 We are proud of you — your
 stepfather
 I knew you could do it! love, Mom
 Best wishes in the future love Ma
 Congratulations Niece, Love Olga
 You're special Crystal love Grandma
 Good luck in the future from Kevin
 Best wishes in the future from Scott
 Wishing you the best — Tasha
 Congratulations!! Aunt Lois
 Crystal, Congratulations! Uncle Don
 Wishing you success — Dr. Hausner
 Crys, after 9 years, Finally! Jamie
 Good luck — Mr. J. Murray
 Crystal Good luck Ms. White
 Good luck Crystal, Mr. Brown
 I'll miss you Crystal, love Mike
 Congratulations, Aunt Crys love J &
 V
 Good luck — Mr. Attiyeh
 Best luck from Chisha
 Congratulations from Kia

Hey Mikey, you made it love Mom
 Libra Think of graduation as the first
 day of your life — Love Pop
 You go girl! Libra keep cheering like
 your sister Tara love Riz & Chris
 Hey Mikey she likes it it's a diploma
 but she'll eat anything love Tara
 Libra I'm proud of you
 Congratulations Sincerely, Lloyd
 Congratulations, greedy from Rob
 Congratulations Lateefah — Nadine
 Good luck Hoochie — Aisha
 The sky's your limit — J. Butler
 Good Luck in the Future
 Congratulations and best wishes for a
 successful future R. Abdussabur
 Congratulations Lateefah Ms. Diggs
 Congratulations from DPW
 Congratulations LA, stay pretty
 Congratulations Sis, keep it up Daisy
 Good luck auntie love Altamac &
 Anthony
 Congratulations Tete DPW
 Good luck Tee Tee
 Congratulations TeTe
 Good luck Lateefah from DPW
 Congratulations! love Mommy
 Good luck TeTe love brother Moe
 Good luck in the years ahead TeTe
 You finally made it love Davion
 To Vanessa Good luck Lil-La
 Good luck Vanessa you made it
 Vanessa you played me out Teefa
 ??
 Your best friend Sabrina
 Your future depends on your past
 To Vanessa good luck in the future
 To Vanessa I never thought you'd see
 this day. Good luck in the future
 Good luck Carol love Gee
 Good luck Carol Love George Jones
 Good luck Carol
 Good isn't good — better is expected
 Good luck Carol love Billy
 All the best love James Edward
 Good luck Carol
 Good luck Carol — Ben
 Joseph Drayton
 Charlie White Way Fish
 Al Harris the Best
 Frank Butler
 Robert Bacon
 Rick J.
 Madison Deas
 Fred Harris
 Bob Bailey
 Joseph Wiggins
 Jr. RJ
 Joe Mobley
 Nadine Gainey
 James Williams
 Nathaniel Gibbs
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 Good luck from Kevin Knight
 Tom Cooper
 Best wishes Carol
 Good luck Carol
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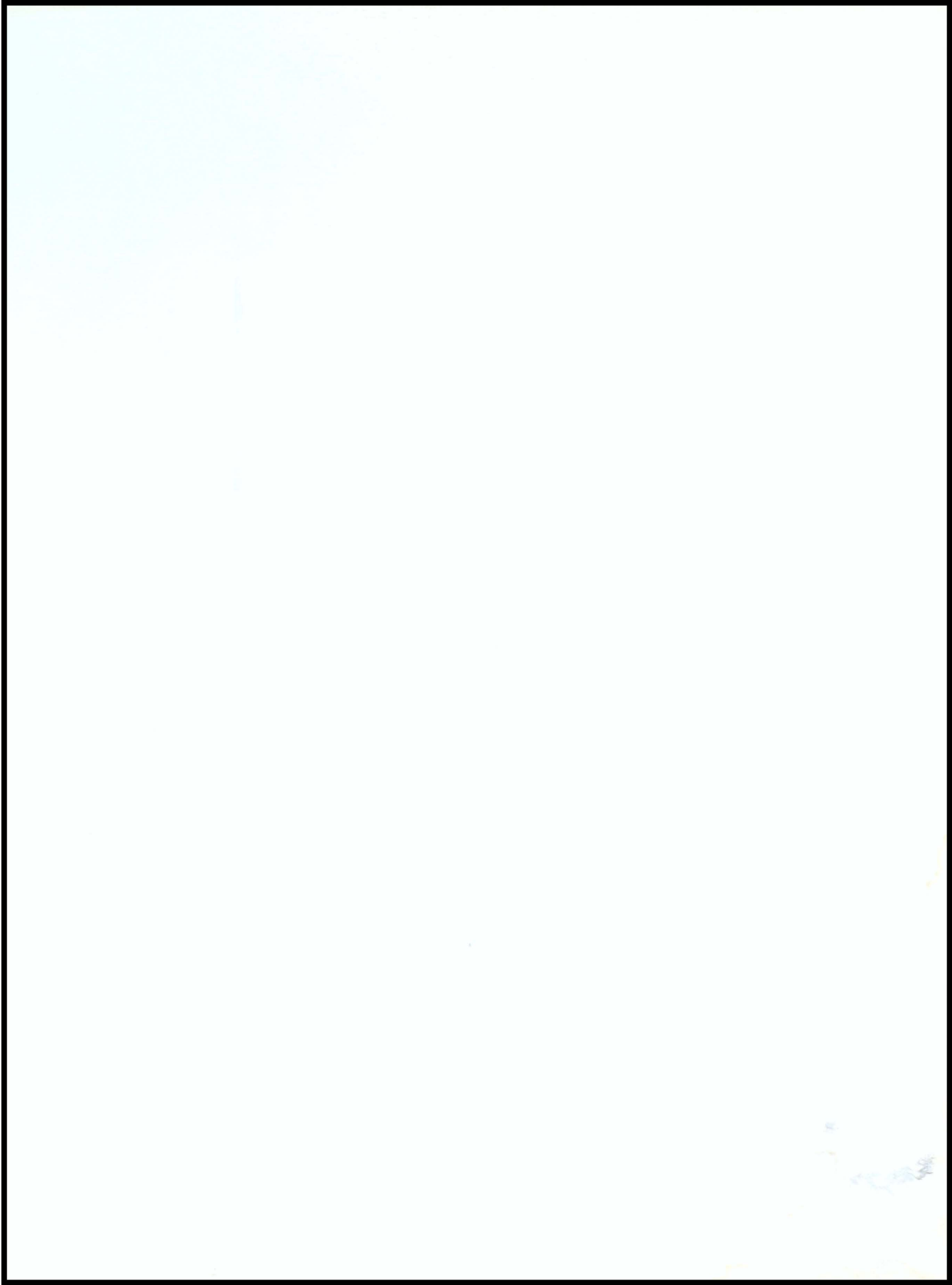
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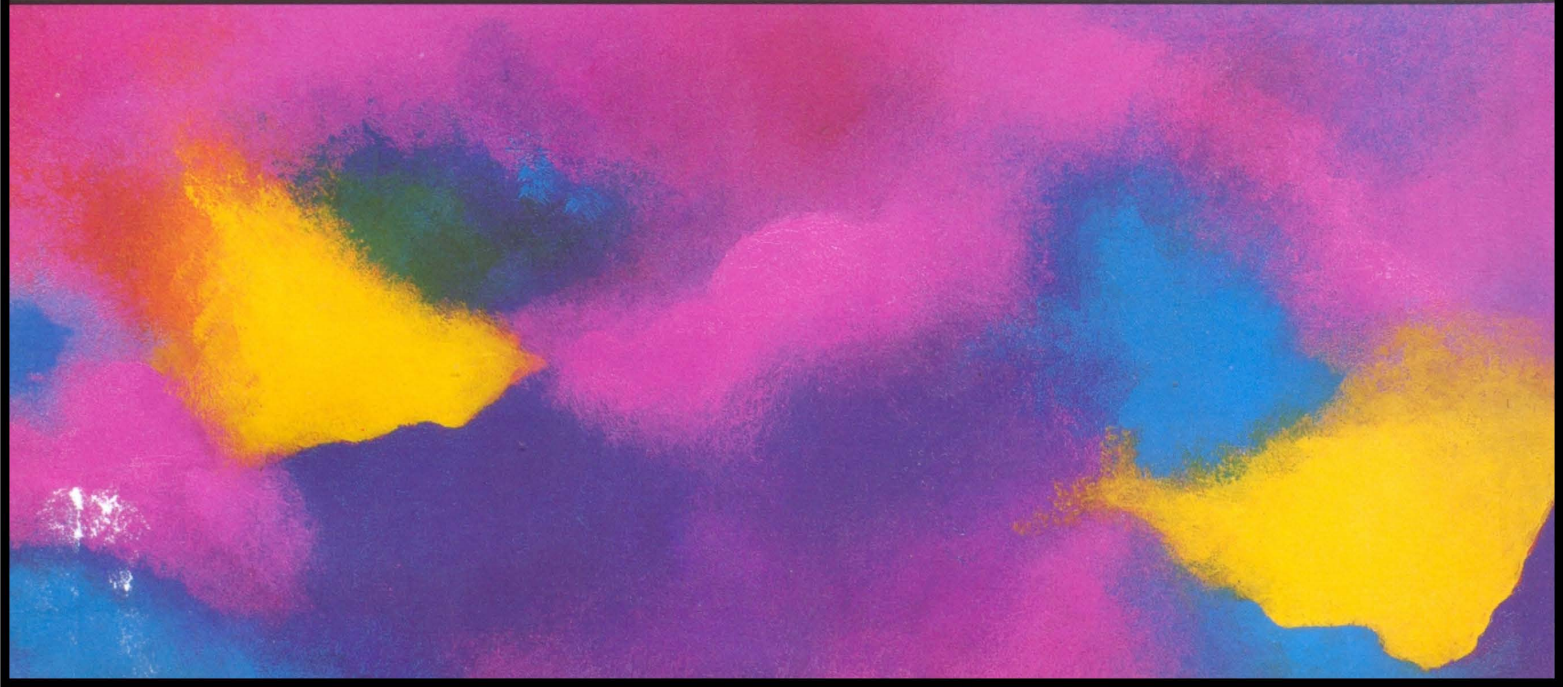
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